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Develop Israel with Israel Bonds

Column One

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THE British Commonwealth is a peculiar institution: its peculiarities are its virtues. It is possible, no doubt, to give it a formal, legalistic definition, although very few of the Commonwealth Prime Ministers now meeting in London would care to do so. It is not a super-state or super-sovereign idea. It is not even a formal union of equal states. Any unit of the Commonwealth wishing to secede — the word is hardly the appropriate one: any unit wishing to get out has only to say so, introduce the necessary legislation into its own sovereign Parliament, and get out. No other unit or group of units has the right to stop it. The Commonwealth leaders now assembled in London do not represent, collectively, a council of state or anything remotely like an imperial grand assize. They are there to make decisions which bind neither the Commonwealth as a whole nor any member government, but only the individuals themselves who approve the decisions.

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"TO this state of formal disjunction," wrote "The Times" recently in one of its characteristically urbane leaders, "has the articulate Empire of Kipling and the Diamond Jubilee come in the half century that begins with the federation of Australia, Joseph Chamberlain's campaign for fiscal reciprocity, and the conquest and emancipation of the Boer republics." It is a state of disjunction that seems to work remarkably well. Nobody knows why it works well, and any logical historian would probably tell you that it has no right to work well. It used to be said that the secret was its common Anglo-Saxon stock. That may be true up to a point as the explanation of, say, the affectionate bond between Britain on the one side and Australia and New Zealand on the other. It is only partly true of Canada; in still lesser part of South Africa. It is not true at all of India, which is a Republic, or of Pakistan.

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WHAT, then, gives coherence? It is not race, and it has ceased to be the Crown. Only in part is it a common language; and that, since India and Pakistan came in, a very small part indeed. Perhaps it is self-interest. For the Commonwealth leaders now in London are busy, practical-minded men and have not come away from the urgent internal and regional preoccupations of their country for sentimental reasons. If it is self-interest that, too, is a good thing, and better still because it is the kind of self-interest that ploughs common ground instead of raising fences of isolation. It is a self-interest that can do without treaties, pacts and other formal and restrictive instruments; and becomes, indeed, in the truest sense collective interest. The elasticity of this undefined, loose union, which is neither empire nor federation but that vague "disjunction" known as Commonwealth, leaves room and "purchase" for disagreement and the quarrels customary among men and states. But from no such disagreement or quarrel since the Commonwealth came into being has ever come even the risk of war.

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THAT fact, and its probable causes, would seem to be worth careful study. It is not suggested that the rest of the world should model itself on the form of the British Commonwealth and so avoid war. Obviously the form is nothing without the content and the content, having come about for the most part, like what passes for a British constitution, in a fit of absentmindedness, is so indefinable that it cannot be put forward as a model. Obviously, too, other countries and groups of countries require other institutions vague or formal and are quite capable of working them out, if not yet of applying them. The fact remains that here is a group of nations that has been got together in an extraordinarily non-committal way and that, in the process of getting together, has reached a stage, not in which the conventional causes of war can never arise but in which, even if the conventional causes should arise, war as a possible solvent in a dispute between one unit of the Commonwealth and another would not enter the head of either.

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OTHER nations are emerging from among Britain's colonies and dependencies, and may or may not — when the time comes it will be for each of them to choose — enter into this peculiar, non-committal bond of Commonwealth. It is a growing institution, not a disintegrating one. It is so much looser and so much better than empire that it bears no relationship whatever to imperial conceptions; and is, perhaps, something out of which, in good time, a logic will manifest itself plain enough to help towards the forming of other world groups based on mutual confidence and common sense.

Jerusalem, *February 2.*

Poland to End State Of War with Germany

LONDON, Tuesday (Reuter). — Poland will soon follow the example of the Soviet Union and end her state of war with Germany, according to a Government statement quoted by the Polish news agency.

It also said Poland would welcome normalization of relations with West Germany. But if the Paris agreements rearming West Germany were ratified, Poland would establish "still closer relations" with East Germany "and take all measures necessary to ensure her own and other peoples' security," the statement added.

No Decision in Israel, US Talks Before March

By JESSE ZEL LURIE, Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Tuesday. — During the next week or so, before Secretary of State John Foster Dulles flies to Bangkok for the meeting of the Manila Pact powers, scheduled for February 23, he will receive Ambassador Abba Eban for the second meeting of their second "go round" on Israel's security problems.

The first meeting took place on January 28, a little earlier than was expected by those who were closely watching the progress of the lower level talks with the new Assistant Secretary of State for the Near East and Africa, Mr. George V. Allen, and his assistants. It is understood that these talks were conducted in the most friendly atmosphere and soon reached a state of clarity. The definition of the problem and the alternative steps that might be taken were clearly delineated, and the matter was then ready for Mr. Dulles. Decisions are up to him.

The alternative steps seem to be complex and the decision a difficult one. It is not expected that any news will emerge from Mr. Eban's second meeting with Mr. Dulles. Final word will have to await Mr. Dulles' return to Washington in March and much more talk and consideration of the subject.

U.S. Guarantee Asked

(According to the U.P. correspondent in Washington, Israel has asked the U.S. for a guarantee of assistance if she is attacked from any quarter, and hopes to have a definite answer within the next three weeks. Informed sources said that Israel also wants an American promise not to give further arms aid to the Arab States without balancing it by military assistance to her. Israel, in her representations to Washington, is reported by U.P. to have warned she would undertake an "arms race" with the Arabs if the U.S. failed to give a definite guarantee and to limit arms shipments to the Arab States. Israel sources said their Government would like to have a formal mutual defence pact with the U.S. if at all possible, but they would accept some other written commitment.)

There is still a vast gap between American and Israel thinking on the organization of Middle East security. The Americans honestly believe that Menderes' successful journey to Baghdad and his meetings in Damascus and Beirut have helped Israel by weakening the Arab League and the Arab collective security pact almost to the point of extinction. Israelis cannot share this optimistic viewpoint. While they do not deny that an Arab country tied by treaty to NATO and the West may be a better world citizen, and by de-

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Eden Hopes Arab Split Can Be Avoided

LONDON, Tuesday. — Foreign Secretary Sir Anthony Eden today supported the proposed Turco-Iraqi defence alliance when the Commonwealth Prime Ministers now conferring here discussed the Middle East.

Mr. Eden said he sincerely hoped the pact would not do irreparable harm to relationships between the Arab states within the Arab League.

The Prime Ministers spent an hour discussing the Middle East and European problems, and also heard a report from Sir Anthony on Formosa, which they agreed to discuss in detail tomorrow.

An authoritative source said the conference "generally recognized" that the factors contributing most to instability in the Middle East were the economic backwardness of the area and the Arab-Israel dispute. The Foreign Secretary was reported to have told the Prime Ministers that Britain still held some hope of improving relations between Israel and the Arab states.

4 Types of Courts In New Bill

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

A new and comprehensive law governing the Israel courts was introduced into the Knesset last night by Mr. Pinhas Rosen, Minister of Justice. The Bill establishes courts of four degrees — municipal courts, magistrates' courts, district courts, and finally, the Supreme Court.

Although no special *Court de Cassation* — providing for re-estimation of evidence rather than study of the legal aspects of a case only, as does a Court of Appeal — is to be established, the new bill provides that the Supreme Court may order a second consideration of a case that it considers of particular importance. This may be ordered either where the Supreme Court has handed down the original judgment, or where it is acting as Court of Appeal, at the request of the parties to the case, or on the initiative of the Court itself. In such a case, the normal panel of three judges will be increased to seven. To some extent, this provision is to replace the former appeal to the British Privy Council.

Up to the present, the Municipal courts, which deal only with contraventions against municipal by-laws, were not part of the regular legal system, but were established by a special ordinance in [illegible].

Neither the Land Courts nor the Courts of Criminal Assize which existed under the Mandate will be reconstituted by the new bill, nor does it include within its scope courts established either for special categories of persons or for special purposes, such as the Rabbinical or Military courts, or rent or anti-profiteering tribunals, etc.

Defines Scope

The bill defines the scope of each court, and provides that in future every criminal case will be subject to appeal, without the need to obtain special authority. It will also be possible to appeal against an Execution Order of the Magistrates Court, ordering a defendant to pay instalments on a debt or attaching his property, where at present there is no form of appeal against this except by means of an order nisi in the High Court, an expensive and difficult method not likely to be attempted by persons in financial difficulties.

The first speaker in the debate was Mr. I. Harari (Progressives), who objected to the inclusion of the Municipal Courts in the system, as these were both inefficient and unnecessary, and maintained mainly, he said, because the Municipalities liked to feel they were in charge of administering their by-laws themselves. He thought that even if these courts continued to exist, they should be constituted under a separate ordinance.

He also argued that more specific directions were needed to lay down when the Supreme Court may order a review of a case by a Court of seven judges.

The Speaker of the Knesset, Mr. Joseph Sprinzak, yesterday received a group of persons from an immigrant village who are participating in a citizenship course sponsored by the Information and Civic Education Services. The greetings of the Speaker were returned by one of the members of the group.

Knesset to Debate Budget Next Week

It is expected that the 1955/56 Budget, which provided the immediate cause for the present Coalition crisis, will be introduced into the Knesset by the Minister of Finance early next week, probably on Monday.

It was decided by the Knesset Committee that an extra two hours should be added to the debating time in order to make it possible to discuss the budget of the Government Information Services, which did not exist last year. The total time allocated for the debate is 36 hours, of which 12 will be devoted to the budget as a whole, and the remainder to examination of the allocations to the various ministries.

To this must be added the time required by Mr. Eshkol to introduce the budget, and the reports by Ministers on their departments. It is therefore expected that another five weeks will elapse before the budget vote, and before the General Zionist decision to vote with the rest of the Government and either remain in the Coalition or leave it must actually be implemented. It is not thought that the leading partners in the Coalition will be willing to leave this decision open, and it is generally expected that the General Zionists must announce their decision to the Prime Minister some time this week.

Yesterday afternoon, Mr. P. Bernstein, General Zionist Minister of Commerce and Industry, and two Knesset members belonging to his Party, Messrs. A. Ariav and [illegible], called on the Prime Minister and discussed problems in connection with the position of the Coalition.

It was understood yesterday that a meeting of the General Zionist Council in Tel Aviv today will see itself forced to arrive at a decision.

Bejarano Knesset Immunity Lifted

The Knesset Committee yesterday decided to support the application of the Attorney General to revoke the Knesset immunity of Mr. S. Bejarano, who is charged with two traffic offences.

A delegation from [illegible] was received by Mr. A. Govrin, Chairman of the Knesset Labour Committee, yesterday in order to lodge a protest that the occupants of the ma'abara could not assemble the funds needed to move to the available housing schemes.

Mr. Govrin asked them whether all suitable candidates had not been offered housing in new farming centres, but promised to convey their complaint to the housing authorities.

Sweden's Air Chief Here As Army Guest

The Chief of Staff of the Swedish Air Force, Major-General Gustav Adolf Westring, arrived here on Monday night as a guest of the Israel Defence Army, the Army announced.

Major-General Westring was born in 1900 and was graduated from the Air Force Officers Training School when he was 21 years of age. In 1947 he was appointed Chief of Staff of the Air Force and has held that post ever since.

The Swedish Chief of Staff will lecture before the [illegible] of the Army.

League Mission Fails to Budge Iraq on Pact

Arab reports from Baghdad last night indicated that the Arab Premiers conference in Cairo would not reconvene tomorrow due to failure of the Arab League mission and the Iraqi leaders to reconcile their differences over the proposed Turco-Iraqi defence alliance.

The four-man League delegation met with Premier Nuri e-Said and other Iraqi officials twice yesterday, during which "a frank exchange of views" was held. Both sides were reported standing firm by their opposing views. The mission has completely failed to persuade Iraq not to sign the pact, it was stated.

Nuri Reiterates Stand

By last night it was already known that the League delegation would not leave the Iraqi capital today. During the four-hour meeting in the morning, Nuri e-Said reiterated to the visiting Arab statesmen that Iraq believes in the full right of any member state to negotiate with neighbouring states, defensive and alliance pacts such as the Turco-Iraqi agreement, in order to guarantee the Middle East area against any foreign aggression.

The meeting at night was also attended by Gen. Rafik Arif, Iraqi Chief of Staff. This was seen as indication that military questions connected with the pact were discussed.

In Damascus, Premier Fares al Khoury returned from Cairo yesterday, and notified that he is unlikely to attend the Cairo conference when it reconvenes, and may send a representative in his place. He said the Arab collective security pact was insufficient to ensure the safety of the Arab states.

(NEABS, Reuter, UP)

CABINET MINISTERS VISIT BEN-GURION

BEERSHEBA, Tuesday. — An ambulance sent to take Mr. David Ben-Gurion from Sde Boker to Tel Hashomer Hospital today returned empty-handed as there was no need for the transfer.

Last Sunday, Mr. Ben-Gurion was reported as having had an attack of lumbago and was visited by his physician, Dr. Erwin Cohen, of Beersheba.

Visitors to Mr. Ben-Gurion at Sde Boker today included the Prime Minister, Mr. Moshe Sharett, the Minister of Labour, Mrs. Golda Myerson and the Minister of Finance, Mr. Levi Eshkol.

MR. SHINICHI KAMIMURA

Japan's First Envoy To Israel Arrives

LYDDA AIRPORT, Tuesday. — Mr. Shinichi Kamimura, the first Japanese envoy to Israel, arrived after midnight last night by S.A.S. from Turkey, where he represents his country as Ambassador. He was accompanied by the First Secretary of the Japanese Embassy at Ankara, Mr. Kazuo Ichihashi, and Mrs. Kamimura.

The Minister-designate will present his credentials to the President in Jerusalem on Thursday. He told the Press that he hoped for closer relations between the two countries. Mr. Kamimura will return to Istanbul after a week's stay in this country.

ELECTIONS IN JAPAN

TOKYO, Tuesday (Reuter). — Emperor Hirohito today proclaimed February 27 as the date for Japan's sixth postwar general election. More than 1,000 candidates will compete for 467 seats in the House of Representatives (the Lower House).

Austria Forms Body To Study Jewish Claims

VIENNA, Tuesday. — The Cabinet today decided to form a committee to consider Jewish claims. It is to be headed by Chancellor Julius Raab and will include the Vice-Chancellor and the Ministers for Education, Social Administration and Finance.

A delegation of former Austrians living in the U.S. who left Austria because of racial or political persecution were to be invited to take part in the committee's considerations, a Cabinet communique stated today.

The Jewish religious community in Austria said today that it is claiming 615m. schillings (approximately IL.62m.) indemnity from the Austrian Government. The claim is for damage caused to the Austrian Jews and their community property by the Nazis.

Cairo Executions Prompt Angry Denunciation Throughout World

Denunciation of the Egyptian Government for hanging Dr. Moshe Marzouk and Samuel Azzar on Monday on charges of espionage for Israel continued to be expressed abroad yesterday.

In New York, Mr. Mortimer May, President of the Zionist Organization of America, termed the hangings as an "inhuman act which will be met with revulsion by civilized people throughout the world." He said in a public statement that the "hasty execution" was totally out of proportion to the allegations made against the prisoners.

The Jewish Labour Committee representing more than 500,000 Jewish workers in the U.S. yesterday issued a protest describing the Cairo executions as "an act of wanton murder against two Jews brought up on charges that were both specious and without legal foundations."

'Inhuman Act'

In London yesterday afternoon the British section of the World Jewish Congress said that "by its inhuman act the Egyptian Government stands condemned in the eyes of all concerned with the promotion of peace and justice in an area of the world where only the greatest statesmanship, patience, and wisdom can hope to prevail over hatred and fanaticism."

In Paris, an overflow mass mourning and protest meeting against the executions were held under the auspices of the Zionist Federation with the support of all important Jewish organizations.

The left wing anti-Communist "Franc-tireur" yesterday attacked the Egyptian Government. It asserted that the Nasser regime's methods are those of "lies and terror.. which despise all public opinion whether at home or abroad." The hangings, it declared, were merely to divert agitation by the Egyptian [illegible] practising the atrocious and ever-easy policy of the gibbet."

It was reported from Frankfurt that Mr. Roger N. Baldwin, American Chairman of the International League for the Rights of Man, charged in a letter to Egyptian Premier Abdul Nasser that the death sentences were savage and were motivated by "political considerations."

The President, Mr. Ben-Zvi, yesterday sent a cable of condolence to Mrs. Yafa Shoshani, sister of Shmuel Azzar, one of the two Jews hanged in Cairo. The cable, which was sent to Mrs. Shoshani's home in Beersheba read: Mrs. Ben-Zvi and I join you in your profound grief over the death of your brother Shmuel Azzar who died for the sanctification of God's name and for Israel. May he be remembered together with Dr. Moshe Marzouk and all martyrs who sacrificed their lives for their people and homeland."

The Minister of Labour, Mrs. Golda Myerson, yesterday visited Mrs. Shoshani as did a delegation of the Beersheba Labour Council.

The synagogue of Egyptian Jews in Beersheba will be named after Samuel Azzar, while the Hadera Town Council yesterday decided to name two streets in the town after the two martyrs. Three cousins of Dr. Marzouk, who live in the Karaite moshav, Matzliach, have suggested that the settlement be named after him.

A call to the Jewish nation, particularly its youth to join and strengthen Israel's line of defence in the villages and along the border was made at a 3,000 strong protest demonstration sponsored by Jerusalem's youth organizations yesterday outside the Histadrut building.

Mr. B. Azania, M.K., stated that the hangings of Marzouk and Azzar was a cold-blooded political manoeuver by Egypt. Dr. M. Kurtz termed them a force which would unite all factions of the Jewish nation while Mr. Y. Bar Yehuda, M.K., called on the nation to make an active defence of its right to build its homeland.

Youth of Capital Protests

A declaration was read expressing the anger and protest of Jerusalem's youth in the face of Egypt's criminal act. Revenge would be taken in increased efforts to build the country and in the ingathering of the exiles, the youth declared.

"The Jewish Nation will remember those who killed their sons, and the Zionist organizations everywhere will continue to concern themselves with the welfare of Israel in the face of all those who seek to destroy her," the Jewish Agency Executive announced in a message released yesterday following the hangings in Cairo of Shmuel Azzar and Dr. Moshe Marzouk.

The Israel Students' Organization yesterday called on members throughout the country to remember their brethren who sacrificed their lives for the love of Zion and Israel.

A performance of local French artists which was to have taken place at the Ohel Theatre in Tel Aviv on Thursday evening had been cancelled because of the Cairo hangings.

Four in Syria Send Radio Greetings

Messages from the four Israel soldiers imprisoned in Syria were broadcast yesterday afternoon over the Hebrew transmission of Damascus Radio. The soldiers, who sent greetings to their families, stated that they were in good health and were being treated as prisoners of war.

War Means Atoms Over US, Soviet General Warns

MOSCOW, Tuesday (UP). — A Russian General warned today that the U.S. would be the battleground in any atomic world war.

Maj.-Gen. N. Talensky said the U.S. favours atomic warfare because it is less dependent on the "broad popular masses" who are "for peace and against a new war."

He warned that it would be the U.S. and not Russia which would be the atomic no-man's land.

The General said a world war with atomic weapons would bring suffering "firstly and mostly" to the countries of Western Europe, while the U.S. would not escape an answering Soviet attack.

Gen. Talenski, a leading military writer, wrote in an article in the "Literary Gazette" that a third world war would inevitably stretch to the farthest part of the globe.

"The Western European countries will find themselves in a most disadvantageous position where the density of population is greatest and where industry and economic life are most densely concentrated in big cities.

"Modern development of the means of atomic attack provides the possibility of inflicting a powerful rebuff across the oceans as well, and consequently the American atom-mongers have no reason for thinking that in the event of their starting an atomic war the territory of the U.S. will be safe," he warned.

British to Submit Own Arms Pool Proposal

PARIS, Tuesday (UP). — Britain announced a plan for European arms production tonight in a bold move to save the European arms pool conference from possible deadlock.

Sir Christopher Steele, British chief delegate to the seven-nation conference, said the British proposal would be formally introduced this week, probably Wednesday. Conference delegates quickly agreed that it might offer the compromise formula between the two contradicting French and German plans the Western European Union countries have looked for.

Sir Christopher did not disclose any details of the British memorandum, but informed sources said it would come out against the French-suggested supra-national pool scheme and favour close cooperation of member states.

Infiltrator Shot Near Kfar Szold

A Syrian Arab was killed yesterday morning in an exchange of fire between an Israel patrol and a Syrian post, the Army spokesman announced. The dead man and another Syrian Arab were ploughing in Israel territory north of Kfar Szold in Upper Galilee. At the approach of the Israel patrol covering fire was opened from the Syrian post and in the exchange one of the infiltrators was killed. The second Arab escaped across the lines.

Rifle fire was opened on an Israel tractor driver north of *Kibbutz* Hagovrim in Northern Galilee on Monday afternoon, the spokesman announced. A member of the *kibbutz* was fired upon yesterday afternoon from a Syrian military position across the lines while he was standing near the settlement's fishpond. No one was hit.

Israel has submitted complaints concerning all three incidents to the Israel Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission.

EGYPTIANS FIRE ON ISRAEL UNIT

An Israel soldier was wounded yesterday afternoon when automatic and rifle fire was opened from an Egyptian post at an Israel unit petrolling the armistice lines near Nahal Oz in the Negev, the Army spokesman announced. The Egyptian post opened fire when the patrol encountered an Egyptian shepherd tending his flocks in Israel territory. The Israel unit returned fire.

15 Years in Jail Infiltrator from Gaza

BEERSHEBA, Tuesday. — A sentence of 15 years in prison was passed on Ayid Abu Romano, 22, an infiltrator from Gaza, who was charged in the Military Court today with taking part in an armed gang.

The sentence is to run concurrently with three other sentences passed earlier on Abu Romano: Three months for crossing into Israel territory without a visa; two years for entering a closed area and six years for theft.

Abu Romano was seized in August 1953.

JORDAN QUESTIONS DEMARCATION LINE

The joint investigation into a Jordan complaint that Israel has included some 800 metres of Jordan territory within its demarcation lines in the Tel e-Safi area (near the southern Dead Sea) was discussed by Israel and Jordan surveyors who met in Jerusalem, according to "A-Difa" yesterday.

Representatives of both sides are to conduct a survey in the area next week in accordance with a mandatory map.

EGYPTIAN MAC MEETING OFF

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The monthly meeting of the Israel-Egyptian Mixed Armistice Commission, scheduled for today, was cancelled at Israel's request.

China Seen Accepting UN Invitation to Talks

Hopes were high in Western circles yesterday that China would accept the invitation extended by the U.N. Security Council on Monday that she send a representative to participate in its discussion of a cease-fire in the Formosa area.

At the same time, however, reports from Formosa indicated intensified fighting around the Nationalist-held Tachen islands.

A dispatch from New York last night said the U.N. Secretary General, Mr. Dag Hammarskjold, is believed personally to have urged China's Premier and Foreign Minister, Mr. Chou En-lai, to send a representative. Mr. Hammarskjold, who transmitted the Council's invitation on Monday, had conferred with Mr. Chou in Peking three weeks ago in an effort to obtain the release of 11 imprisoned American airmen.

Hopes that China might agree also stemmed from Russia's mild attitude at the Security Council. The Soviet delegate abstained from voting on the New Zealand resolution to seek a cease-fire, which was passed by 9 votes to 1 with only the Formosan delegate opposing. The Council also voted to place on the agenda the Soviet motion, which calls for condemnation of alleged American aggression against China and a cease-fire to allow withdrawal of all but Peking's armed froces from the Formosa area. The Nationalist delegate was alone in voting against.

Then, by 10 to 1, the Council voted to consider the New Zealand resolution first, after which it adjourned to allow time for the Chinese Government's reply to the invitation.

Reports from Formosa, meanwhile, reported an attack by four Chinese warships on the Yushan islands, 50 kms. north of the Tachen group. The warships retreated when Nationalist artillery returned fire.

Two Peking newspapers, including the official "People's Daily," yesterday voiced wholehearted support for the Russian resolution, saying it was the only way to ease tension in the Far East.

Tachen Island itself was attacked by eight Chinese MIG-15 jets and by artillery bombardment from the recently captured Yikiang-shan Island, according to another report from Taipeh, Formosa, which also reported a naval clash off the Tachen Islands in which neither side suffered losses. Nationalist bombers were reported to have crippled a Chinese supply ship north of Tachen.

A 3,000-ton landing ship was last night lying off the north Formosan port of Keelung with 1,000 evacuees from Tachen on board. It is expected to dock today.

Reliable observers in Taipeh believe that evacuation of the Tachen islands is unlikely to be attempted before the Security Council ends its debate.

Churchill Hopes Peking Will Agree

LONDON, Tuesday (UP) — Sir Winston Churchill said today he "very much" hopes China will accept the invitation to discuss Formosa at the United Nations.

At the same time, authoritative diplomatic sources here expressed growing belief that China may accept. A high official on one of the Asian delegations attending the current conference of Commonwealth Prime Ministers said that he he was confident China would not obstruct Nationalist evacuation of the islands in the Formosa Strait.

The Prime Ministers meeting her today sidetracked their search for Formosa alternatives — such as a Geneva-style cease-fire conference in case the U.N. fails — until the invitation to China has a chance to succeed.

Sir Winston visited the Commons during the luncheon recess of the Prime Ministers conference and drew new Socialist questions about the Government's stand on Formosa.

He said he had nothing to add to Britain's previous stand except that "a new fact has occurred" in the shape of the Security Council decision to send an invitation to the Chinese Government. The British Government regards the action as a genuine attempt to seek a peaceful solution, Sir Winston added.

The Prime Ministers meeting have reached "a very large degree of unanimity" in their approach to the Formosa crisis, an authoritative source said later tonight. They were largely agreed on the vital importance of the Commonwealth and the U.S. standing together.

"India took a slightly different view from other members of the Commonwealth," the source added.

US Senate Ratifies SEATO, 82 to 1

WASHINGTON, Tuesday (UP). — The Senate today ratified the eight-nation South-East Asia mutual defence treaty to weld a firm stand against Communist aggression or subversion in the Far East.

Approval came after a brief floor debate in which Chairman Walter George of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee urged approval as an "impressive stride" toward halting aggression in Asia.

The eight-nation pact was signed by the U.S., Britain, France, Australia, New Zealand, the Philippines, Pakistan and Thailand. Its provisions cover the general South-East Asia area, but exclude Formosa.

The vote was 82 to 1. The dissenter was the Republican, Senator William Langer.

Plot to Slay S. Korean Opposition Leaders

SEOUL, Tuesday (Reuter). — A leading member of President Syngman Rhee's Liberal Party has been arrested here in connection with an alleged plot to kill 40 South Korean politicians, the Public Prosecutor's office announced today.

Among the intended victims, it was stated were the Opposition leader, Mr. P. H. Shinicky, and the Mayor of Seoul, Mr. Kim Tri Sun.

US, Israel Exchange Notes on Grant

Notes constituting an agreement between the Israel and U.S. governments were exchanged on Monday between the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. M. Sharett, and the American Ambassador, Mr. E. Lawson.

The Notes refer to the U.S. grant-in-aid to Israel for the current year.

(The amount of this year's grant-in-aid is $40m.).

Paris Not Recognizing Peking for Time Being

PARIS, Tuesday (UP). — France will withhold recognition of the Peking Government for the present, Foreign Minister Edgar Faure told a press conference today. He added, however, that "it would be a good thing" if the Big Three Western powers were united on their policy toward China.

He said it would serve no useful purpose for France to join Britain in recognizing Peking while the U.S. did not. Although there was no doubt that the Government in Peking effectively controlled China, there were also legal considerations and the "question of Western unity," M. Faure declared.

South Vietnam To Reduce Army

WASHINGTON, Tuesday. — The U.S., France and Southern Vietnam have agreed to reduce the Vietnamese Army from 217,000 to 150,000 highly trained men this year.

According to present plans, a formal announcement will be made in Saigon next week shortly after the return of General Lawton Collins, President Eisenhower's special envoy to Vietnam, from his current consultations in Washington.

The reorganised army will be larger than that originally recommended by General Collins, who recently completed preliminary negotiations with the Saigon Government and the French on U.S. military and economic aid programmes for Vietnam.

THE ISRAEL NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE PREVENTION OF ACCIDENTS

"If only these drivers would obey traffic rules . . ."

Remember:—Where no sidewalk is available — WALK ON THE LEFT-FACING TRAFFIC.

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WITH FINEST MACEDONIAN TOBACCO

Social & Personal

A wreath of flowers on behalf of the Prime Minister was sent on Monday to Copenhagen for the funeral of the Danish Prime Minister, Mr. Hans Hedtoft.

The Soviet Ambassador, Mr. A. Abramov, returned to Tel Aviv last evening from a tour of Elat and the Negev which he made in the company of two high officials of the Soviet Embassy.

The British Ambassador, Mr. John W. Nicholls, accompanied by Mr. R. E. Gamble, the Press Attaché, was the guest to luncheon of the Editorial Staff of The Jerusalem Post at the Touring Club on Monday. Mr. Nicholls will be question master of the "Brains Trust" at the Israel and British Commonwealth Association at the Z.A.O. House at 8.30 tonight in Tel Aviv.

Rabbi Philip Bernstein, Chairman of the American Zionist Committee for Public Affairs, who arrived here by air on Monday night was given a reception at ZOA House yesterday when he was greeted by Jacob Alkow, Mr. Gideon Tadmore, of the Foreign Ministry, Mr. Yehuda Nedivi, Town Clerk of Tel Aviv, and Mr. Charles Passman, head of Malben. In the morning he visited border settlements and an army camp.

The Mayor of Tel Aviv, Mr. H. Levanon yesterday received Mr. Lionel Hampton, the visiting jazz band leader, and representatives of the Magen David Adom.

ARRIVALS: Mr. Yitzhak Norman, Executive Vice-President of the American Fund for Israel Institutions, for a brief visit (by Air France); Mr. M. Narkiss, Director of Bezalel Museum, after a tour abroad on behalf of the Museum; Mr. P. Rigaud, Deputy Director of the Comptoir National d'Escompte Bank of Paris (by Air France); Mr. Max Rostal, the violinist, on his second visit here for two recitals (by KLM); Mrs. Clara Stein, a Hadassah leader, for a short visit of Hadassah institutions (by Air France).

DEPARTURES: Professor and Mrs. Norman Bentwich, to England, after a visit of several weeks; Rabbi D. Grunwald, Chief Rabbi of Chile, after a month's visit (by SAS); Mr. M. Kehat, Israel Attache in Moscow, returning to his post, and Mrs. Kehat; Dr. F. Brotzen, the Swedish geologist, after completion of six months service as head of the Geological Institute, and Mrs. Brotzen (by SAS); Mr. M. Bukstein, Legal Adviser to the Jewish Agency in the U.S., after a month's visit (by Air France); Mr. Amiram Rigai, the pianist, to Paris and the U.S. for a series of concerts.

Army Fetes Biran

A farewell reception for Dr. Avraham Biran, Jerusalem District Representative, who is soon to assume his post as Consul-General in Los Angeles, was held yesterday afternoon by the Jerusalem Area Command.

Aluf-Mishne Haim Herzog, Jerusalem Area Commander, recalled the common path travelled by Dr. Biran and the Command during the Jerusalem siege and in the years following the Capital's liberation, and presented the guest of honour with the Army badge. Present at the reception were officers of the Command and Jerusalem Police Headquarters.

Dr. Biran yesterday paid a farewell call on the Knesset Speaker, Mr. Yosef Sprinzak.

The British Consul General, Mr. T. Wikeley, gave a dinner at Hesse's Restaurant last night for Dr. and Mrs. Biran at which were present Mr. and Mrs. Gershon Agron, Rav-Seren Doron, Mr. and Mrs. M. Eliachar, Mr. D. R. Elston, Mr. and Mrs. Hasan, Mr. Levi, Mrs. Kalman Mann, Mr. and Mrs. R. Silver and the British Consul and Mrs. Wilson.

ON THE AIR

FIRST PROGRAMME
[illegible] & [illegible] M.

NEWS: Hebrew: 7 a.m., 1.30, 6.00, 8.15, 9.30 and 11.00 p.m. Arabic Programme (including News): 8 a.m. 2.15 & 6.30 p.m.

6.00 a.m. Morning Programme (Hebrew only). 6.30 Service. 6.35 Exercises. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.10 Morning Melodies (R). 7.45 Oriental Music (R). 8.00 Close Down.

12.00 N. "Music at Noon" (R). 12.30 Opera: "Turandot" (Puccini) Act 1. 1.30 Break for Music 2.30 Close Down.

4.30 p.m. Tea Time Music (R). 4.45 Piano Recital: [illegible]. 5.15 Light Music (R). 5.30 Children's Hour 7.00 Musical [illegible] (R). 7.30 Agricultural Corner. 7.35 Concert Request Programme (R). 8.00 Symposium. 8.35 Bible Reading. 8.45 The Week in the U.N. 9.00 Information Please. 9.30 Light Music 9.45 Recital: Todd Duncan (R). 10.10 Classical Request Programme: Barcarolle in F-sharp major (Chopin); Symphony No. 3 (Brahms). 11.00 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME
[illegible] M.

English News: 1.45 p.m., 10.15 p.m. French News: 3.00 p.m.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR: 6.15 p.m. Programme for [illegible]. 6.30 French. 7.00 Ladino. 7.30 Yiddish. 8.00 Close Down. [illegible] Rumanian. 8.45 Hungarian. 9.15 Close Down.

KOL ZION LAGOLA ([illegible] M.): 11.15 p.m. News 11.30 Musical Greetings. 11.45 The Week's News.

ARMY PROGRAMME ([illegible] M.): 6.30 Opening. 6.35 Recital. 7.00 Requests. 7.30 Tomorrow's Programme. 7.45 Light Music. 8.00 Musical Map. 8.30 News. 8.45 Songs of the People. 9.15 Dance Music. 10.00 Close Down.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS: [illegible] p.m. News; News Talk; Youth Magazine.

Cyprus Police Search Villagers As Arms Smuggling Spreads Alarm

By [illegible] K. RUSSELL, Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NICOSIA, Tuesday. — Police searched a large number of Greek villagers at Xylophagou, in south-east Cyprus, this afternoon. There was no official information about the action but reports said they were looking for revolvers. None was found.

Xylophagou is a stone's throw from Xylotymbou, where the Jewish detainees' camp once stood. Nowadays it is the scene of great military activity as Britain's £18m. cantonment is going up here.

It was not stated whether this search has any connection with the explosives-laden Greek motor-boat St. George, captured off Paphos last week — an event which has plunged the population into alarm ever since. Police investigations are still proceeding into the St. George episode which, according to reliable informants, may be found to have been linked with twin organizations in Cyprus and Athens preparing the ground for hostile acts against the British forces and property in the island.

The total contents of the 27 cases seized aboard the St. George have not yet been revealed — other than an official statement saying they included 10,000 sticks of dynamite. Unofficial Greek reaction to this announcement has been that they were "for catching fish." Whether the authorities are keeping other details of the contents, such as revolvers or grenades, as a trump card is not known, but they have hinted, "Wait till the trial comes."

Some reports say that aboard the vessel were found lists of persons and buildings in Cyprus which had been marked for terrorist action. Rumours like this have thoroughly alarmed the population but no official statement has been made to enlighten the public. If firm proof is obtained by the authorities of the smugglers' intention in Cyprus, there is every chance of an island-wide comb-out of suspects.

The Turks are also greatly alarmed over the event and their newspapers openly write that "this was no innocent smuggling exploit. The explosives were meant to be used for anarchy and a change of rule." Anxious cables have been sent to the Turkish Government and local leaders have sought an urgent interview with the Cyprus Governor on the subject.

One significant point being investigated is who paid for the dynamite which should be worth several thousand pounds. Could it have been an innocent fisherman's order?

El Al Invents New Riveting Process

People in white Ku-Klux-Klan-like uniforms can now be seen in one of the El Al Workshops at Lydda Airfield. They work at the new electric oven, invented by Mr. Dov Shapiro, El Al's electrical engineer, which is used for the softening of rivets used in aviation maintenance. The oven, which was constructed by El Al's workshops, creates a temperature of 850°F. very quickly. The rivets, after treatment, are put on ice.

Prior to Mr. Shapiro's invention, El Al had to use methods of softening rivets, which were wasteful of time and money.

Representatives of Industrial Enterprises visited the El Al Engineering Department immediately after the oven was put into use. The El Al process may be applied by other firms which require a means of rapid heating of small instruments or steel objects.

Dov Shapiro is an Aviation Electrical Engineer and has been with El Al for five years. He came to Israel from Germany in 1935, and worked with foreign Airlines during the Mandatory period.

Histadrut School For Citizenship

Some 1,700 Histadrut members have taken the week-long course of citizenship at the Histadrut "Oranim" School on Mt. Carmel since it was founded a year ago by the Haifa Labour Council.

The students, among them workers, *ma'barot* residents, teachers, clerks, policemen, working mothers and Arab girls, attend a series of lectures by volunteers on Government and Histadrut institutions, labour, cultural and language questions, immigrant-absorption and agricultural settlement. The language is usually simple Hebrew, but Yiddish or Arabic are used at times. The curriculum includes attendance at meetings of the Town Council, the Labour Council and visits to Haifa industries.

Some 65 per cent of the students last year were from Oriental communities for whom the school provided the first acquaintance with basic concepts of citizenship.

The age of the students ranges from 17 to 79.

Where to go

JERUSALEM

★ Cultural Evenings:—
Lecture by Mr. T. Ben-Hefetz on "The Month in Israel's History." Community singing; music by Police Orchestra; auspices Hebrew Language Campaign Local Committee, Har Zion School, Yemin Moshe Qtr., 6.30 p.m.

★ Exhibitions:—
"Conquest of the Desert" permanent exhibition at the former Israel pavilion of the International "Conquest of the Desert" Exhibition. 10-1, 4-8 p.m.
Department of Antiquities, special exhibition: Excavations of a Cana'anite Temple on the seashore of Nahariya (XVIIIth-XVth centuries B.C.E.) 25 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech. Open 9-1.
Memorial Exhibition of Architectural Works and Drawings by Leopold Krakauer. Also African Folk Art. Exhibit of the Month: Max Liebermann: Prof. Hermann Cohen. 9-1, 3-5 Bezalel Museum.

★ Tours:—
Hebrew University conducted tour new Administration Building, King George Ave., opposite Terra Sancta, 10 a.m.

★ Library:—
American Library and Reading Room, U.S. Consulate, Mamilla Rd. Entrance free, 9-1; 3-6.

TEL AVIV

★ Exhibitions:—
1) Abstract and Surrealistic Paintings. 2) Moshe Castel, works of 1930-55. Open daily 10-4, Fridays, Saturdays 10-1, Sundays 6-10 p.m. — Tel Aviv Museum
Photographic Reproductions of Selected American paintings. Z.O.A. House, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.

★ Theatre:—
"The Miser" Chamber Theatre, Mograbi Hall 8 p.m.
Habimah, "The Caine Mutiny." Habimah, 8 p.m. (Tickets sold for Jan. 24 are valid for this performance only.)

HAIFA

★ Exhibitions:—
Sculptures by Bruno Schön [illegible] and works by three Persian [illegible], Municipal Museum, Town Hall, 10-1, 4-7

[illegible]

★ Theatre:—
Habimah, "Medea and I," 8 p.m.

PETAH TIKVA

★ Theatre:—
Do-Re-Mi, "[illegible] from Istanbul," Heikal Hall

RAMATAYIM

★ Theatre:—
"[illegible]" [illegible] L. Lam 8.30 p.m.

Israel Pays Debt To British Constable

LONDON, Tuesday (Reuter).— The Israel authorities after a long search were able to find out the whereabouts of the British policeman, Mr. William Rann, who prevented the shooting of Jews during a terrorist attack in Jerusalem seven years ago.

Police Constable Rann, now of Marlborough, Wiltshire, disarmed a British soldier about to open fire with a machine gun after his party had been attacked by terrorists in a Jerusalem cafe, thus preventing needless loss of life.

He was serving with the Palestine police at the time and regulations prohibited members from accepting gifts. But in August last year, long after Israel had attained independence, he was traced through a letter from a former colleague. Constable Rann went to the Israel Embassy here yesterday and received from the Ambassador, Mr. Eliahu Elath, a copy of "The Saga of Jerusalem, the Holy City." A large crate of oranges was also sent to his home.

'Hill 42' Premiere In J'lem Next Month

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The gala premiere of "Hill 24 Doesn't Answer," the most ambitious film ever made in Israel, is to take place in Jerusalem in March.

The picture, dealing with the War of Independence and made entirely in this country, is now in its final stages of technical finishing at the Pinewood Studios, near London. This work is being supervised by Mr. Thorold Dickinson, who directed the film here for Sik-Or Films of Tel Aviv. A representative of the company is also working with Mr. Dickinson, one of Britain's leading directors.

The laboratory of the Israel Motion Picture Studio at Herzlia was used for the processing of the production, and only a small part of the sound recording that could not be done there is being completed at Pinewood.

A representative of Sik-Or Films told *The Jerusalem Post* that "Hill 24 Doesn't Answer" provided more than 20,000 work days here and some 1,000 persons participated in its making.

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B'NEI BRAK: Refuah.
NATANYA: Geva.
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Mr. Michael Wix, a Jewish industrialist, has established through the Friends of the Hebrew University in England a £20,000 Trust to provide travelling research fellowships. The endowment will enable Hebrew University graduates to do research work in England, and graduates of British universities to work at the Hebrew University. The fellowships may be awarded to students in any Faculty.

Creating Music

NEW YORK, Tuesday (UP).— Brigadier General David Sarnoff yesterday unveiled an electronic device that can create the music of any musical instrument or group of instruments or any voice or group of voices without using instruments, musicians or singers.

General Sarnoff, Chairman of the Board of the Radio Corporation of America, spoke to the annual meeting of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers. He augmented his description with motion pictures of an all-electronic cooling system for a refrigerator, an electronic light amplifier, a magnetic tape recorder for television and motion pictures, and the startling "music synthesizer."

All are in various stages of development in RCA's research laboratory.

The tape recorder for pictures handles colour as well as black and white. It also records the sound track. The recorder is about to undergo field trials. The cooling system and the light amplifier have advanced to working laboratory models, and the music synthesizer is ready for use.

With the electronic machine (whose parts crowd a small room) the electronic engineer becomes a competent performing musician on any instrument or group of instruments or with any voice timbre or group of voice timbres. He needs not be able to sing a note or to play any instrument. He only needs to know his electronics and be able to read music.

The machine can produce sounds now unknown and combine those sounds into now-unknown harmonic values.

At present, the machine has practical uses in the making of phonograph records. Great voices of the past can be "reconstructed" from the evidences of old and very faulty recordings. Popular musicians can make "novelty" records of popular tunes. And "high fidelity" can be made higher and higher.

'Marseillaise' Ms. Stolen in London

LONDON, Tuesday (Reuter).— A copy of the Marseillaise in the handwriting of the author Claude Joseph Rouget de Lisle, has been stolen from the British Museum here.

Police were late last night seeking a fanatic art collector they think has taken the 160-year-old copy of the French National Anthem. They feared he would destroy the manuscript if he thought he was going to be caught. If he tried to sell the yellowing document it would be recognized immediately.

It is believed to have been taken from its glass case on Saturday but it was not missed until yesterday because the thief put a cheap copy in its place.

The manuscript was bought by the British Museum in 1946 from Paul Hirsch, a refugee from the Nazis. With other books and manuscripts it cost £120,000.

TEEN-AGE CURFEW IN PHILADELPHIA

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday (Reuter). — A teen-age curfew law aimed at combating juvenile delinquency has come into force here.

Children under 17, unless accompanied by their parents or in "lawful" employment, are now barred from the streets or public places between 10.30 p.m. and 6 a.m. from Sunday to Thursday of every week, and in the other two days of the week from midnight to 6 a.m.

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U.S., U.S.S.R. Sport Exchange Discussed

NEW YORK, Tuesday (UP). — The U.S. Amateur Athletic Union and Russian athletic officials are discussing exchange of basketball, wrestling, track and field, gymnastic and weightlifting teams for exhibition tours. A.A.U. Secretary Dan Ferris said here, but all negotiations are in the preliminary stages and no definite agreements have been reached on any sport.

"Russia is interested in an exchange of all these teams as we are," said Ferris. "However, there are many, many details and absolutely nothing is certain yet. We are discussing the possibilities with the U.S. State Department and the chairmen of the various National A.A.U. Committees.

"As to basketball, we now have decided that no team will go — if any does go — until after the 1955 National A.A.U. champion has been decided in the tournament at Denver, March 20-26. The winner of that tournament then would have first chance to go, if the trip is made.

"We had hoped to have Russia's Vladimir Kuc here for the indoor track season and the two-mile races, but Russian officials telephoned me the other day that he would be unable to come to America.

"The Russians had tentatively accepted that invitation for Kuc, and had asked us if they could send along a coach and a couple of other athletes, and we agreed. But they called back the other day and said none would be able to come."

ROSEWALL CLINCHES AUSTRALIAN SINGLES

ADELAIDE, Tuesday (UP). — Ken Rosewall won the Australian singles tennis championship crown yesterday by defeating Lewis Hoad in straight sets, 9-7, 6-4, 6-4.

G. Moss and M. Green, of the United States won the Australian Junior Boys Doubles title defeating Australians N. Netts and G. Stewart, 16-14, 3-6, 6-3 in the finals.

Cinemas

JERUSALEM
At 4.30, 6.30 and 8.30 p.m.

ARNON: Apache, 2nd week.
EDEN: Mogambo, 2nd week.
EDISON: Lilas, 3rd week.
ORGIL: The Moon is Blue.
ORION: How to Marry a Millionaire, 2nd week.
ORNA: Secret Four.
RON: "L'Age de l'Amour".
STUDIO: Belle of New York.
TEL OR: Paid in Full.
ZION HALL: "Les Compagnes de la Nuit", 2nd week

TEL AVIV
At 4.30, 7.15 and 9.15 p.m.

ALLENBY: Les Enfants de l'Amour, 4th week.
CHEN: The Caine Mutiny.
ESTHER: Love is better than ever.
MOGRABI: The Robe. 4.30, 7.15 and 9.45.
TAMAR: Come Back, Little Sheba, 4th week; 7.15 and 9.15. Continuous from 9.45 a.m. to 4.45 p.m.: The Great Gatsby.
YARON: The Enforcer.
ZAMIR: Conquest of the Desert, 7.15 and 9.15 p.m. Also continuous from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

HAIFA

AMPHITHEATRE: Three Coins in the Fountain.
ENDOR: Raiders of the Seven Seas.
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Fortunes Fluctuate At Fourth Test

ADELAIDE, Tuesday (UP). — At the close of play today on the fourth day of the test match, Australia had a second innings score of 69 for 3, after dismissing England for a first innings total of 341.

Play began in sensational fashion, when England lost Compton and Cowdrey within 15 minutes for the addition of only two runs to make half the side out for 232.

Evans, who joined Bailey, immediately went into the attack and 40 were added in 25 minutes, but the introduction of spinners ended Evans innings at 272. He was followed by Wardle, who put on 23 before being caught and bowled by Johnson.

Bailey, in trying to force the pace provided Davidson with a catch, and after a short-lived stand by Statham and Appleyard, England were all out for 341 to give them the narrow lead of 18 runs.

Scoring 22 off the first four overs, Australia's opening pair in their second innings, McDonald and Morris, wiped out the deficit. Then Hutton brought on Appleyard who took three wickets for 10 runs and when stumps were drawn Australia were 69 for 3.

Macias, D'Agata Bout For Cohen's Crown

SAN FRANCISCO, Tuesday (UP). — Promoter Bennie Ford has announced that Raton Macias, of Mexico, and Mario D'Agata, of Italy, would meet here March 9 in a 15-round fight for the bantam-weight world championship. The bout will be staged in San Francisco's gigantic Cow Palace, scene of three world title fights during the past year.

Macias, the North American bantam kingpin, and D'Agata, ranked by the National Boxing Association as the number two bantamweight, will fight for title recognition by the N.B.A., which withdrew recognition from Robert Cohen, of France, when he failed to defend against Macias.

U.S. TO PROSECUTE I.B.C. AS CARTEL

WASHINGTON, Tuesday (Reuter). — The Government is to prosecute the International Boxing Club for alleged conspiracy to monopolise championship fights in the United States, it was announced here.

A Supreme Court ruling yesterday said Anti-Trust Laws may be applied to championship boxing and the theatre. It did not set aside its earlier decision that organized baseball was outside the provisions of American Anti-Trust Laws.

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Bk. Leumi ord sh.	230	+3
A.P.B. Investm. 6% debs. 50/70	97½	—
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Gen. Mortg. Bk. ord. sh.	[illegible]	—
Bitzur 6% debs.59/65 a)	88	—
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Pam 6% debs. 60/64 reg	[illegible]	—
"Tova" 6% debs.	[illegible]	—
I.L.D.C. ord. sh. reg.	137	—
5% debs. e)	98	—
Afr. Pal. Inv. ord. sh.	102½	+1
Rassco 6% pref. ord sh.	91½	—
Pal. Potash 6% pref. sh.	395	—
"A" ord. shares	177	—
Pal. Elec. ord. sh. (Isr.)	—	—
Pal. Elec. ord. sh. (Ldn.)	—	—
Jer. Elec. Corp. ord. sh.	—	—
Mekoroth pref. sh. b)	66½	—
Ata ord. "B" sh.	137½	—
6-8% conv. debs. c)	95½	—
"Kardanch"ord."B"sh.	146½	+½
7% conv. debs. 59/64 c)	104	—
Moller-Dee ord.sh.reg.xa)	1000	—
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Assis Rajarano "B" sh.c)	105½	+½
"Teva" ord. sh. c)	108	—
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TO LET furnished 3-room flat in Rehavia, from February, for one year. Phone: 62934, or write: No. 21790, P.O.B. 81, Jerusalem.

TO LET elegantly furnished large separate room, suitable for member of Diplomatic Corps. Apply: Levy, 11 Reh. Geulah, Tel Aviv.

Lost—Found

LOST lady's gold wrist watch in Rehavia last Thursday night. Finder please return to: Cohen, 9 Rehov Abarbanel, Jerusalem. Reward.

Musical Instruments

PIANO wanted, small Spinet style. Good condition; no agents. Offers to No. 761, P.O.B. 81, Jerusalem.

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21 Rehov Hehalutz, Haifa, for photostats, Tel. 4187.

Purchase—Sale

Beautiful Persian Lamb Coat, latest style, newly remodelled, for sale. Communicate with No. 271, P.O.B. 81, Jerusalem.

CHILD'S MOTOR-CAR wanted. Reply, stating price and condition to: No. 1111, P.O.B. 81, Jerusalem.

DINING-ROOM, very elegant European bedroom and study, bargain prices. Amber, 129 Reh. Dizengoff, Tel Aviv.

Services

Your WATCHMAKER in Jerusalem for promptness and precision. Moshe Agronsky, Rehov Hahabshim, near Jerusalem Hotel.

Situations Vacant

WANTED cook-housekeeper or nurse-housekeeper for family with two children. English essential. Living-in. Contact: "Housekeeper," P.O.B. 535, Jerusalem.

Situations Wanted

EFFICIENT English-Hebrew typist, wants additional afternoon job. Phone 4854 Tel Aviv.

EFFICIENT SECRETARY, English-German shorthand-typist with good working knowledge of Hebrew and office experience, seeks position, Tel Aviv or surroundings. Please write: No. 25051, P.O.B. 1125, Tel Aviv.

ENGLISH-German Correspondent-Typist with good knowledge of Hebrew and wide experience in general office work seeks half-day or part-time employment, Tel Aviv or Herzlia vicinity. Write: No. 25046, P.O.B. 1125, Tel Aviv

EMPLOYMENT Agency "Elderly Association" for clerks, workers and household personnel, 59 Reh. Hovevei Zion, Tel Aviv (9-12, 4-6) Tel. 66497.

CULTURED young lady, personable, excellent Hebrew and English, good French, seeks suitable position as receptionist, mornings or afternoons. Please write: No. 25053, P.O.B. 1125, Tel Aviv.

EXPERIENCED English Stenographer, some knowledge of Hebrew and general office work, seeks position. Write: No. 1825, P.O.B. 66, Haifa.

STOREKEEPER, very good knowledge of English, fair Hebrew, seeks work. Write: No. 800, P.O.B. 66, Haifa.

CHILDREN'S nurse seeks full day job in Tel Aviv. Sleeping-in considered. Reply: No. 77085, P.O.B. 66, Haifa.

Miscellaneous

WHO, in the Haifa area, would write a wedding poem? Reply to: No. 27061, P.O.B. 66, Haifa.

Today's Post Bag

THE WEATHER

FORECAST: Fair.

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*A) Humidity at 8 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maximum yesterday. D) Maximum temp. expected today.

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FOUR NATURE study groups for teachers of the first to fourth grades are to be established in Kfar Yehoshua this month under the auspices of the Northern District Office of the Ministry of Education and Culture in cooperation with the Teachers Association Centre. The groups will meet once a month in Bet Yehoshua Hankin. **A COURSE** on agricultural surveying and soil conservation is to open on Sunday at the Ruppin Agricultural Seminary in Emek Hefer under the auspices of the Vocational Education Department of the Labour Ministry in cooperation with the Agriculture Ministry's Department of Soil Conservation. Registration at the Vocational Education Department's Tel Aviv branch, 59 Rehov Eilat, and at the Ruppin Seminar.

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A SHIPMENT of 2,600 tires, the largest exported by the General Tire Company in Petah Tikva, will leave for Yugoslavia today. **ONE TON** of paprika was sent by Tnuva Export in a K.L.M. plane to London yesterday.

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A LARGE QUANTITY of outdated cinema tickets with new dates forged on them were seized by the police on Monday from a ticket dealer outside the Chen Cinema in Tel Aviv.

THE KASSIT CAFE in Migdal Ashkelon closed down yesterday.

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A CONSULTATION station for women will be opened today in Kupat Holim Le'ovdim Leumiim on Rehov Hagidem in Jerusalem in cooperation with the Israel Association for Family Hygiene. The station will be open every Wednesday between 7 p.m.-8 p.m.

Driver Accuses Policeman of Bias

Morno Dasch, accused in the Jerusalem Magistrate's Court of several traffic violations, yesterday charged the traffic policeman who reported the violations with bias against him. The policeman was charged with attempting to "get back at" the accused when the latter took disciplinary action against him while they were at the Police Training Base.

Dasch, a taxi driver, was accused of parking his vehicle within 15 metres of a bus stop and of failing to signal before making a turn. The Police Prosecutor, Samal B. Shmueli, has announced that the police will conduct an investigation with the possibility that the case against the accused may be dropped. (Itim)

Blau May Be Charged With Contempt of Court

Jerusalem District Court Judge Y. Cohen yesterday announced that he is considering charging Rabbi Amram Blau, head of the Na'torei Karta, with contempt of court for his answer to the Judge's query as to whether he pleads innocent or guilty to charges of illegal assembly near the Children's Club of the Working Mothers Association.

Rabbi Blau declared that he does not recognize the authority of the Court and that the "Zionists brought thousands of observant Jews to this country and converted them into transgressors." (Itim)

REHOVOT TO HAVE 'CITRUS FEAST'

REHOVOT, Tuesday. — The "Citrus Feast" will be celebrated here during Passover, Mayor B. Z. Horowitz told the Press today.

The three-day programme includes the opening of an exhibition of citrus, a study meeting on the tree and fruit care, and a popular entertainment schedule.

Popular feasts of this kind have not been held in Rehovot since 1939.

RATION NEWS

JERUSALEM: Imported cheese: 200 gms., no coupon, temp. 18. Expectant mothers: Eggs: 16, coupons 21 and 22. Poultry: 1,300 gms., coupons 3 and 4. Imported cheese: 100 gms., coupon 13. Meat for invalids: with Med. Ass. cards, 250 gms.

Beginning with the February rations, there will be attached to all ration coupons for poultry issued to invalids in Jerusalem a complaint form, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry spokesman announced yesterday.

Recipients of special poultry rations should use this form to report any instance of poor quality or overcharging, and send it to the Food Controller of the Jerusalem District.

A thousand tons of onions are now on their way from Bulgaria, the spokesman announced yesterday. Their distribution is to begin around February 12.

20,000 Risk Losing Vote

Jerusalem Post Reporter

More than 20,000 persons will be deprived of voting in elections for local authorities unless they obtain identity cards from the Registration of Inhabitants office, it was learned yesterday in Jerusalem from Ministry of Interior sources.

The Ministry last week notified 20 municipalities and 61 local councils to start making up voters registers. There are 160 local authorities (municipalities and local councils) and those who have not held elections since January 1, 1950, are entitled to hold them this summer. The Ministry also notified the local authorities of its approval of the suggested members of the local election committees. The Ministry has appointed one member of its staff to supervise the elections in each place.

One of the contributory factors for separate voters lists to the Knesset and local authorities is the fact that a resident must be a citizen to vote in the Knesset elections while he need not be for the local authority elections.

The qualifying date was set at February 1 and the qualifying period as two months by a recent administrative order by the Minister of Interior which needs Knesset approval. This means that any person of 18 resident in any district on February 1 and for two months previously (i.e. continuously from December 1) may vote in local elections.

Justice Agranat Named

Supreme Court Justice S. Agranat has been appointed Chairman of the Central Elections Committee of the Third Knesset.

The Committee will probably begin work during the coming week. While it is hoped that Justice Agranat will be able to sit in the Court during the initial period of the Committee's activity, this will probably be impossible later on.

Mr. Agranat recently met to discuss election procedure with Mr. A. Moyal, Director General of the Ministry, and Mr. M. Eilan, Controller of Elections in the Ministry.

Charges of Theft, Laxity, Blackmail Levelled Against Customs Officials

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Wednesday. — Thefts of IL.38,000 worth of goods by customs officials at the Kurdaneh stores, lax investigation by the Customs Department and police, and an attempt to have the complainant against the thefts declared mentally unbalanced, are the main charges in a criminal suit whose hearing began in the Magistrate's Court here this morning. The case was brought by Mr. Mordechai Stattner, of Kiryat Haim, who was a customs official at Kurdaneh for three months in 1951. He is represented by Mr. F. Hersberg.

The respondents are Mr. Zvi Stock, Chief Customs Inspector at Kurdaneh, his deputy, Mr. Avraham Wasserman, and Mr. Nahum Sutman, of the Haifa customs. They are represented by Mr. A Davidescu. In August 1951, 18,000 tins of food belonging to the Defence Forces and the Jewish Agency, were stolen by the first two men, Mr. Stattner claims. When he asked them for an explanation, he said, he was told not to meddle. The very next day, he alleges, the two men stole another 7,200 tins. They also allegedly stole tins belonging to private firms and in July of that year handed over to a Haifa customs agent for the Saporta Company 18 cubic metres of timber, worth IL.2,260, which belonged to another firm. To that firm, they issued a certificate of loss to support an insurance claim. On another occasion, the two men are alleged to have sold 46c.m. of timber, owned by the Saporta Company, to another firm, and to have enabled Saporta to claim indemnification for the loss. "I discovered at Kurdaneh great disorder, and many thefts and acts of fraud," the charge continued.

'Knew Too Much'

Mr. Stattner states that he was dismissed "for failing to pass his probation period" but really because he "knew too much." He reported his discoveries to the proper authorities in Haifa three years ago. Police began an inquiry but dropped it when Mr. T. Sanderson, Deputy Director of Customs, stated that it "duplicated an internal inquiry of the Customs Department and the Civil Service Commissioner."

In the charge, Mr. Hersberg described the suspension of the police inquiry as "a serious dereliction of duty."

He described how attempts were made to have Mr. Stattner's mental condition examined at Acre. The police, urged by Mr. Hersberg, wrote again to the Customs Department and received a letter from a Mr. Sanderson which said: "The investigating committee found that Mr. Stattner was discharged in accordance with the law. It further found that he has not succeeded in proving his allegations against the officials who worked with him or against the manner of clearing goods at Kurdaneh. A copy of these findings was passed to the Finance Ministry and the State Comptroller."

Judicial Inquiry

Mr. Hersberg alleges that the police, in considering the case closed, failed to note that the Customs Department was not entitled to deal with criminal offences. After the police refused to take further steps, the Attorney-General, Mr. Haim Cohen, ordered a judicial inquiry.

The first witness, Assistant Superintendent of Police Sabbagh, chief of the Crime Division at Acre, told Magistrate A. Neumann, that after investigation, he closed the file on the order of his superiors because of insufficient evidence to warrant prosecution.

The next witness was the complainant, Mr. Stattner, who related how he discovered and reported what he thought were errors in the customs clearing accounts. When his superiors gave his discoveries a frigid welcome, he reported them to the customs authorities in Haifa. His two superiors then suspended him from work for three days. He was given work only after he promised to stop writing reports. The hearings are to continue tomorrow.

Israel Bonds Enter Sterling Bloc

Eire is the latest European country to permit the sale of Israel Development Bonds, and the Bond Organization hopes that this will prove a springboard for the sale of Bonds in other Sterling Bloc countries, Mr. Leo Krown, Director of the Israel Bond Office, said at a press conference yesterday in Jerusalem.

Discussing the first international Bond Mobilization Conference held last week-end at Miami, Mr. Krown reported that the 900 delegates represented 18 countries in North America, South America and Europe.

Of the 390 Americans who earned the title "Trustee of Israel" last year by each purchasing $10,000 worth of Bonds, 190 have already re-enrolled as Trustees by subscribing to the same amount this year.

A total of $40.8m. worth of Bonds were sold in 1954, as compared with $38.8m. in 1953. Total Bond sales from their inception in May 1951 to January 31, 1955 were $184m.

In Israel itself the Bond organisation has organized two seminars — one for driver-guides and one for hotel operators — in order that these groups, who have so much contact with tourists, may be well-informed of some of the accomplishments in Israel made possible through Bond funds.

Seasonal Sales Slow in Capital

The seasonal clearance sales in Jerusalem do not appear to have attracted many bargain hunters, according to a check of the main stores yesterday. Only one department store was crowded with customers, and even here the manager noted that there was less buying than in previous winters. Another department store opposite was almost empty at the peak shopping hour.

"The first of the month used to be a red-letter day for retailers, but now the wage-packet comes at any time," said the manager of a large fashionwear salon, explaining the lack of customers.

Only in one shoe-store, where women queued for the sales girl, did the manager attribute the rush to yesterday being pay day.

Belgian Capital May Bring New Industries

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Two projects involving Belgian capital for the operation of industries completely new to this country are now under discussion, Senator Roger Motz, of the Belgian Senate and President of the Liberal International, told the Press here this evening.

Senator Motz said that when he returns to Israel in April for a second visit he hoped the scheme would be "well under way."

The visitor said that the Belgian Government had adopted a wider and more active policy of credits, and that conditions for trade with Israel were now easier than they have been for several years. He hoped there would be a considerable increase in this trade and on his return home shortly would discuss this question with the Minister of Trade.

Senator Motz said that it would be wise for Israel to extend her trade with Belgium, as it was not certain that Germany would be able to fulfil all her obligations to her. He added that the Federal Republic was already offering "stiff trading competition" to other European nations which must accept the new challenge.

He revealed that the Progressive Party here had applied to join the Liberal International and this would be discussed at the Organization's next Congress at Lucerne this summer. Discussions with the General Zionists on this matter were continuing. Israel was the first country in the Middle East to which the Liberal International was extending its work.

Discussing the executive in Egypt, Senator Motz said, "They were obviously carried out for political reasons. It is a tragedy when a political regime is forced to descend to acts of this kind to try to restore its popularity."

Cables in Brief

FIRE. — At least six persons — five of them children — died in a fire that gutted a [illegible]-family tenement house in New York early yesterday. Four others were injured and six more are believed dead.

BULL. — The New York Stock Market, reacting to the prospect of heavy defence spending, on Monday reached its highest quotation level for 25 years. An unofficial average of 60 leading stocks amounted to $[illegible], [illegible] cents above last year's peak.

CHINA. — Twenty-two large machine factories, including the country's first motor car and tractor plants, are to be built in China this year, the New China News Agency reported.

ROADS. — Casualties on British roads in 1954 reached the second highest total ever recorded, with a total of 238,281. The number of killed (5,008) was 62 less than the previous year.

MOTT. — Dr. John R. Mott, winner of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1946, died in Florida on Monday night, aged 89.

RESIGNS. — The Nepalese Premier, Mr. M. P. Koirala, yesterday tendered his Cabinet's resignation to the Royal Council of State following a Government defeat on Sunday in the Advisory Assembly.

CRASH. — A Royal Air Force Meteor jet fighter crashed near Nicosia airport yesterday. The pilot was killed.

SOCIALISTS. — The National Executive of the Labour Party has protested to the Czechoslovakian Ambassador and the Rumanian Minister in London against sentences imposed on Czech and Rumanian Socialists at a recent secret trial.

Arabs Said Adamant For 70% of Water

A spokesman in Cairo warned that the Arab States would accept no water development plan but the Arab one, as Mr. Eric Johnston, President Eisenhower's special envoy, flew into the Egyptian capital yesterday for consultations with the representatives of Egypt, Jordan, Syria and the Lebanon, NEABS reported last night.

The chief of the Lebanese delegation asserted that the only Jordan Valley project to be considered by the Arabs would be one in which Jordan would receive 50 per cent of the water supply, Syria and the Lebanon 20 per cent, and Israel 30 per cent.

The Arab delegates were scheduled to meet this morning for consultations preparatory to meeting later with Mr. Johnston.

Mr. Johnston will also meet Colonel Riad, Director of Arab Affairs at the Cairo Foreign Ministry, Reuter reports.

It is understood, writes *The Jerusalem Post* Diplomatic Correspondent that at the conclusion of the talks with Mr. Johnston in Jerusalem late Monday night a number of cardinal points were left over for a further meeting to be held about the middle of February. These included the use of Lake Kinneret as a regional reservoir and the amounts of water to be allocated to the States concerned in the scheme.

Katamon Residents Urged to Move

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Government is eager to transfer former residents of the Old City who were given flats in the Katamon quarter of Jerusalem, it is learned from a Ministry of Finance source.

To encourage such families to move, the Government proposes to grant IL.1,000 for each room vacated, in addition to IL.1,500 for each room acquired either in a Popular Housing project or in an immigrants' housing project.

The offer will apply only where an entire house is vacated. The reason given officially for the plan is to relieve the congestion in the Katamon area.

More than 300 families who were evacuated from the Old City are planning a sit-down strike in the Ministry of Finance if their demands for housing are not met, Mr. Haim Alshaikh, chairman, and Mr. Meir Alkotzair, secretary, respectively, of the Association of Evacuees from the Old City told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

They claimed that after seven years of repeated promises an agreement was reached with Mr. M. Zagagi, Assistant Director-General of the Ministry of the Finance, under which they would surrender their apartments in the Katamon quarter of Jerusalem for apartments in a Popular Housing project.

However, on Monday, Mr. Zagagi informed them that the agreement was only binding if they promised to turn over a completely vacant house. They called this another attempt to nullify the agreement, pointing out that they could not force any family to leave the building against their will. Such authority rested only with the courts who acted through the police.

Furthermore, some houses contained families who were not from the Old City and who were consequently not entitled to apartments under the scheme.

'Kedmah' to Bring 2,000 a Month

HAIFA, Tuesday. — The Zim Navigation Company has chartered the s.s. Golden Isles (the former Kedmah) for six months beginning this month to bring North African immigrants from Marseilles to Haifa.

The Golden Isles, whose crew will be joined by 20 Israelis, will bring 1,000 newcomers in two journeys every month, and the s.s. Artsa and Negbah another thousand.

The s.s. Jerusalem will resume her voyages to the U.S. and Canada.

Jerusalem Preparing Demolitions List

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Municipal Engineering Department is now preparing a list of all illegal buildings against which demolition orders have been issued by the Municipal Magistrates Court; when the list is ready, it will be submitted to the Council which will decide what steps to take, Mayor Y. Kariv told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

Mr. Kariv said that the Municipality has not demolished any illegal buildings since the outbreak of World War II when the problem of inadequate living quarters became acute. In many cases, the illegality consisted of adding kitchens, balconies, or small rooms to the main house for families who already live in extremely overcrowded conditions.

Another type of illegal building was the handiwork of unscrupulous contractors who exploited to the utmost the plots at their disposal. They built several additional illegal apartments, not caring if this led to future overcrowded conditions since the apartments would then be in the hands of third parties.

Against this type of offence, the Municipality had put up several posters in the Municipality and in the Land Registration Office, warning the public against buying an apartment until checking with the Municipality to see if the building was authorized, Mr. Kariv said.

It was impossible, he said, for Municipal officials to know beforehand who intended to buy what and it was therefore impossible to warn him.

IL.340,000 School Plan Before J'lem Council

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Recommendations to allocate IL.340,000 for constructing elementary schools before the end of the present fiscal year and to allocate IL.70,000 in the 1955/56 fiscal year were adopted this week by a joint session of the Jerusalem Municipal Committees of Education, Finance and Public Works. The recommendations are to be submitted to the Council for approval.

The largest grant, IL.97,000, goes for constructing ten classrooms and providing minimal services for the Spitzer Girls School, near Schneller; IL.80,000 for eight classrooms in a State Orthodox school in the Nahlat Ahim quarter, and IL.70,000 each for eight classrooms for the Geulim school in the Baka'a quarter and for the Beit Ya'acov school (which belongs to the Agudat Israel, or independent trend) in the Makor Baruch Quarter.

Work on the Nahlat Ahim and Beit Ya'acov schools was stopped six months ago due to the lack of funds, as were excavations at the other two schools.

In addition, IL.8,000 is to be set aside for three classrooms at the Ladugma School in Beit Hakerem, and IL.5,000 for a hut at the Ein Karem school.

The Committees also decided to recommend allocating IL.70,000 in the 1955/56 fiscal year to construct the second stage of the school in the Yemin Moshe Quarter.

JOSE MARTIN WOOD

The first trees of the Jose Martin wood, named in memory of the Spanish-born liberator of Cuba, will be planted near Mevasseret Zion in the Jerusalem Corridor at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon in a ceremony to be attended by the Cuban Consul and representatives of the Foreign Ministry. Cars will leave from the Jewish Agency courtyard at 1.30 in the afternoon.

Capital Carpentry Co-ops Combine

By Our Labour Correspondent

It will now be possible for the first time to carry out in Jerusalem large-scale carpentry production, including the construction of wood components of bus bodies, as a result of the establishment of the Etzion Cooperative Carpentry Works, which will have departments for building components, furniture and coach-building.

At a press conference in Jerusalem on Monday, Mr. Yehuda Even, manager of the new concern, explained that it has been set up as the result of the amalgamation of three small cooperatives, Atzei Oren, Rihut Uvinyan and Brosh, each of which has been working for the last ten years with about a dozen members.

Economies due to the more efficient use of machinery and skilled craftsmen will make it possible to give tenders for large-scale orders which up till now were sent out of Jerusalem, and it was hoped within a few months to employ 100 members and hired employees, i.e. about 40 more than the combined total of the three original cooperatives.

Council Pressure

Mr. Moshe Bar-Am, Secretary of the Jerusalem Labour Council, said that the amalgamation had been affected as a result of pressure by the Council, with a view to furthering the development of industry in the city. The Hamekasher Transport Cooperative alone could supply thousands of days' work, and had promised full cooperation.

Since it cost IL.15,000 to IL.20,000 per worker employed to set up a new factory, the amalgamation would be well worth while. The new concern had undertaken to ensure low prices and good quality, and to facilitate the entry of new members, who would be assisted by Histadrut institutions to meet the share subscription of IL.2,000 each.

IL.150,000 Investment

Mr. Zvi Shifron, Secretary of the Cooperative Centre in Jerusalem, said that IL.150,000 had been invested by Histadrut financial institutions in the new concern.

Mr. Yaa'kov Bin-Dor, Secretary of the Jerusalem Branch of the Woodworkers' Union, said that there were 30 to 50 unemployed carpentry workers in Jerusalem. Enough work was available in the city for years, in connection with the new buildings of the Histadrut, the University, Hadassah etc., and Government housing projects.

After the press conference, correspondents visited the works in Romema, where the equipment and its working were explained by the works manager, Mr. Avraham Kleinman.

Metal Workers To Take Grading Tests

By Our Labour Correspondent

All workers in the metal-working trades will shortly have to pass theoretical and practical tests to establish their grading, which determines the wages they receive.

A joint committee of the Ministry of Labour, the Histadrut and the Manufacturers Association has prepared proposals to define the grades. Regional committees will now be set up to supervise the tests.

The Vocational Training Department of the Ministry of Labour is preparing the programme for the tests, and will place its vocational training centres at the disposal of the testing committees. It is expected that the same procedure will be adopted shortly in other branches of industry.

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finition more peace-loving, than one not so bound, the Israelis fear that the Arab cleavage will still rebound to Israel's detriment.

More familiar, as they are, with Arab thought and action than the Americans, the Israelis believe that the Arab leaders, precisely because they are divided on joining the West, will seek grounds to demonstrate their solidarity and will try to preserve their cohesiveness by uniting in some action against Israel.

Under these circumstances, the Israelis must deny with all the vigour that they can now muster that the building of a Western-oriented security system in the Middle East which excludes Israel can in any way help Arab-Israel peace. On the contrary, the conclusion of a Turco-Iraqi pact or a Turco-Syrian pact or a Turco-Lebanese pact only serves as an excuse for the United States to send arms to the Arab nations—arms which Israel feels are more likely to be used against her than against anyone else.

The State Department's answer on the arms question is that Iraq is the only Arab state getting arms, that the amount is small, and that it was decided on in anticipation of the conclusion of the pact with Turkey.

Israel is by no means opposed to the State Department's policy of building a security system in the Middle East. But Israel says over and over again that peace and security cannot be achieved by excluding Israel — on the contrary, discrimination against Israel feeds Arab chauvinism and increases the chances of a "second round." There are concrete steps that might be taken to eliminate such discrimination and lead to the solution that Mr. Sobeloff (in the name of Mr. Dulles) spoke of last December — alleviation of Israel's fears.

Whether Mr. Dulles will tread this path is the large question. So far, all that can be said is that the conversations with Mr. Eban are being conducted in a most friendly climate.

In fact, judging by the Press and the spate of articles on Israel which have burst forth in the past few months in papers from coast to coast, the attitude of the American Government and people towards Israel has never been better. This may be contrasted with the prevailing opinion one year ago, just after Kibya, when Israel's stock hit bottom. The conclusion is obvious: the tranquillity of Israel's borders and the resumption of equable relations with the United Nations Truce Supervision personnel is directly reflected in the excellent position Israel enjoys today in the Press and governmental circles.

This bulwark of public opinion does not solve Israel's political problems. But it provides in itself some assurance of Israel's security (though not to be counted in the same breath with governmental guarantees or jet planes). It also assists in finding the solution to Israel's security in that it would be almost impossible even to talk to State Department officials, let alone arrive at an agreement, if the state of public opinion had remained as it was a year ago.

ISRAEL CONTRIBUTES TO KOREA FUND

UNITED NATIONS, Tuesday (INA). — Israel has contributed $22,600 to the U.N. Korean Reconstruction Agency, according to a report made here by Mr. V.A. Hamdani, of Pakistan, Chairman of the special committee charged with raising funds for the work of this group.

THE CONSTRUCTION of 200 dwellings as the second stage of the popular housing scheme will begin in Safad in mid-March.

Student Union Head Warns of 'Sanctions'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

"The medical undergraduates' decision to leave the Hebrew University Students Union was prompted by a small group of agitators, without any attempt at settling the dispute with the Union," charged Mr. Z. Yaffe, Chairman of the Students Union, at a press conference yesterday. A referendum on Monday in which 80% of the Medical Students took part showed that 173 approved of the split with the general body, while 153 voted to return.

Half the medical undergraduates have paid their Union fees, and will automatically benefit from Union activities, Mr. Yaffe said when asked if sanctions would be applied to the quitters. Those students who have not paid fees — whether from the medical or any Faculty — might forfeit certain privileges, he hinted. The students' restaurant, Mensa, and many welfare projects are operated by the Union alone.

The medical students' committee headed by Mr. Nahum Ben-Hur, has stated that the political basis of the Union caused the split, as the medical students prefer personal elections to the Union. Mr. Yaffe declared yesterday that 80% of Union work was non-political because the committees were elected without regard to party. Only the Union Council and its executive are chosen from party lists.

The various committee chairmen surveyed their problems at the press-conference, in particular the difficulty of finding employment for undergraduates.

About 800 students have registered with the Union as seeking jobs "and 300 of these are really critical cases. They live on bread and water, obtain free lunch at the Mensa and free tuition," the labour committee chairman declared. He said that the Ministry of Labour had given 300 work days a month to the University, which employed 50 students in building the new campus. The Ministry pays IL.3 a day, and the University IL.4, so that each student can subsist on a few days work at the campus.

Another 55 undergraduates make ends meet by book-binding, copying and typing at the Union's duplication department. Neatly stencilled lecture-notes are bound with hard covers and sold at nominal prices. A complete library of lectures has been issued by the department, "to enable students to catch up on classes they missed due to their jobs," explained Mr. Yaffe ingenuously. Text-books and required reading also go over the department's sales counter. UNESCO last week donated typewriters to the Union to aid this project.

Defence Ministry Workers Agree to Longer Hours

Ministry of Defence employees will in future voluntarily work 2½ more hours per week without extra pay, in response to an appeal by Mr. S. Peres, the Director-General. This step was agreed to by the Staff Committee, with the approval of the Histadrut, and ratified at a general meeting by a large majority.

Speakers at the meeting, which was addressed by the Director-General and the Chairman of the Staff Committee, paid tribute to the good relations which had facilitated the conclusion of the agreement.

FORMER OFFICERS and men of the 743 and 739 Companies of the Royal Engineers are asked to informed Mr. W. Atlas, 11 Rehov Ben Yehuda, Tel Aviv, of their present address.

IL.800 Fine For Evading Tax

For three violations of the purchase tax law Avraham Levi, owner of the Almogi carpentry shop in Jerusalem was yesterday fined IL.800 with the alternative of nine months in prison by Jerusalem Magistrate J. Weiner.

Levi admitted that he had not submitted a declaration stating that his shop carried merchandise subjects to purchase tax, as part of its stock; that he had not registered such merchandise in his books and that a large quantity of furniture in his shop was not marked with price or tax labels. (Itim)

Yemenite Jews Said Free of Lung Cancer

NEW YORK, Tuesday (Reuter). — Not a single case of lung cancer has been reported among Yemenite Jews in Israel in the last 15 years, Dr. Kalman Mann, Director of the Hadassah Medical Organization in Israel reported here yesterday.

He told a meeting of the Women's Zionist Organization of America that Yemenite Jews smoked only a narghile—an oriental pipe in which the smoke is drawn through water. An investigation had been begun into the habits of Yemenite Jews to try to discover the cause of their freedom from lung cancer.

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FORMOSA PROSPECTS

THE Security Council has now agreed to invite China to participate in the discussion of the deteriorating situation in the Far East which has caused increasing alarm throughout the world, and in the consideration of action which might bring an end to fighting in the Formosa area.

The Chinese stand on this issue has been clear and unequivocal. Peking regards all the islands in the China Sea, including Formosa, as part of the mainland. It resents not only what it regards as American armed intervention but also British and other Western attempts to mediate on the basis of the evacuation of the small islands such as Tachen and Quemoy near to the China coast. It also rejects the idea of a cease-fire and even the Indian plan for neutralizing Formosa.

There have been wide and probably legitimate differences in Western opinion. The argument of the more extreme school runs somewhat as follows: the world balance of power is now so upset that the possibility of the West winning the struggle depends on whether any further Communist advance will be permitted or not. Formosa may be defended without Quemoy and Tachen, but the psychological effect of the retreat would be considerable. China will continue to advance, anyway, and if the West does not make a stand at the present time, it will make a terrible war later on even more certain, just as Munich did. If the West continues to be more afraid of the danger of war than the East, always retreating first, it will continue to lose in the global struggle and in the end will probably not prevent a world war either. Such a conflict would then be fought in the worst possible conditions for the West.

Against this, the moderate school of thinking, which has the support of President Eisenhower and General Ridgway argues that though it appears likely that China will try to expand in all directions after Quemoy and Tachen, there is just a small chance, which should not be left untried, that for some time she may be content with a retreat from these islands.

Moreover, and more important, America should steer clear of a fight in Asia for both military and political reasons. An invasion of the Asia mainland should not even be tried, and if a stand really has to be made one day, it should be in military conditions chosen by the West — not the Communists. Last, but not least, America's Western allies are not ready to go along with Washington in the Far Eastern campaign. In London, Paris and Ottawa, Chiang Kai-shek is regarded as a dangerous mischief-maker whose removal would create the conditions for peace in the Far East. This assumption may be wrong, but it is a fact, and America cannot afford "to go it alone" in the Far East.

The moderates in Washington appear to have carried the day, and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles' optimism that no major war will erupt from the Formosa crisis appears to be well-founded. By a retreat from the island adjacent to the China coast, the military situation will not be materially affected. In all probability, China will not be able to attempt an invasion of Formosa for a comparatively long time to come. Any attempt to expand her sphere of influence will therefore be shifted to other directions, probably the countries of South East Asia, where it will clash with the interests of the nations of Free Asia, not with America.

This appears likely because it is evident that for internal reasons, Peking wishes to avoid a major war and prefers a programme of quasi-military erosion, a mixture of political aggression with those limited forms of military action which minimize the risks of a major war and cost little in resources. Such a course of action, in its turn, would greatly increase the political awareness and watchfulness of the nations of South-East Asia. Because of all this, the evacuation of the islands adjacent to the Chinese mainland should be welcomed as a step of a more sophisticated and successful Western policy in the Far East.

Letter from Paris

'ARAB REVOLT' WAITS on FRENCH ASSEMBLY

By Maurice Carr

WITH the Seine in spate, the favourite rendezvous of Parisians this week has been the Alma Bridge. Here the five-metre-high stone figure of a Zouave warrior, perched on an abutment between two arches with his face to the river, serves as a picturesque sort of flood-gauge. When the water laps his boots, there is danger. When he is submerged up to his chest, as was the case last week, there is disaster—wide suburban areas are flooded, tens of thousands of people are driven from their homes and workplaces, muck and rats come up from the gutters and fill such august places as the basement of Parliament and the crypt of Notre Dame cathedral.

How abominably swollen and ugly the normally slender, pretty Seine has become! Usually the river's surface serves as a mirror for the magic Parisian townscape; but today there are no reflections in the water's depths, its skin is crinkly and muddy, and it rushes onwards to the sea like a demented creature. Already its unwonted violence has cracked several bridges, which have had to be closed to vehicular and pedestrian traffic. The view from Alma Bridge these days is frightening: madness, even in a waterway, is awful to behold.

Yet among the spectators of the deluge there were many who playfully wished, aloud, that the Seine should rise until it once more washed the Zouave's beard, as it did in 1910, when citizens had the thrill of seeing the President of the Republic arrive at the St. Lazare railway station by boat. A few sightseers even said they would like to see the Zouave drowned altogether, so that the whole of Paris might become a new Venice. In reality, of course, they dreaded such a catastrophe rather than hoped for it.

Similar ambivalent sentiments appear to be common among French politicians, who, unlike the royal rulers of the good old rational days, no longer say, *Apres moi, le deluge!* but perversely toy with the prospect of cataclysms in their own lifetime, here and now.

African Debate

A case in point is the declared resolve of a large body of members of the National Assembly to bring the Mendes-France Government down, if at all possible, in the debate on the North African situation which opens today (February 2). It may not, indeed it probably will not happen; but what if the French parliament does disown M. Mendes-France's policy in North Africa? The inevitable upshot would be a major Arab nationalist revolt in Tunisia, Morocco and, for that matter, Algeria, too, even though it is constitutionally part of Metropolitan France.

The moderate Neo-Destour nationalists who run the Tunisian Government today would be swept away by the extremists—or, more likely, turn extremists themselves—if France were at this stage to withdraw her offer of home-rule for Tunisia. Bitterness in Tunisia would be all the greater, because the *fellaghas*—the nationalist rebels — recently surrendered their arms and returned peacefully to their homes on the joint assurance of the Neo-Destour and the French authorities that the promised internal autonomy was about to be granted.

In Morocco, where virtually all the nationalists are extremists, spiritual kin of the Moslem Brethren, terrorism is only at half-cock. There is a "let's-wait-and-see-what-happens-in-Tunisia-first" attitude. If ultimately there is an explosion in the Tunisian Regency, it will be followed by an even bigger one in the Moroccan Protectorate. In Algeria, there is already fighting in the mountains.

A reversal of the present policy of conciliatory co-existence in North Africa would also weaken the French position in the United Nations and further alienate the United States, which in any case is not ecstatically happy about French presence in North Africa.

The parliamentarians, who will try to oust the present Government when the vote is taken on Friday, largely because of their pesonal loathing for the Prime Minister, will therefore be aiming a mortal blow at the future, the greatness of France. And for this reason it may be confidently assumed that the blow will miss—there will be a majority for and not against the Government.

In appointing M. Jacques Soustelle, the Gaullist leader, to the governorship of Algeria, the Prime Minister has played safe with destiny, anyway. M. Soustelle is the outward symbol of a "strong arm" policy (his exceptionally keen intelligence notwithstanding); and this, combined with M. Mendes-France's attitude of sweet reasonableness in Tunisia, should make the governmental position well-nigh invulnerable in the North African debate, even though the unpredictability of the Parliament in Paris is proverbial.

German Spectre

STILL on the subject of deluges—man-made ones, which are of course the worst kind—the spectre of a Germany rearmed, even with international safeguards, continues to alarm many Frenchmen. The reasoning of these worried people, who are to be found in all walks of life and in all political groupings, is simple. When put back into uniforms, the Germans may well revert to the aggressiveness, the inhumanity which has provoked war after war and which culminated in the horrors of Auschwitz. There is no certainty that a remilitarised Germany will not link up with the East. Moreover, the Germans are now to be armed with atomic weapons — just tactical ones, it is true, but when once an atomic gun goes off, there is bound to be a riposte by a bigger atomic blast, and then a still bigger one, until the poison-gas of Auschwitz is made to look absurdly primitive by widespread radioactivity capable of poisoning all life on earth.

Mendes Hope

Anyone who is afflicted with such an outlook naturally opposes German rearmament. Yet, strangely enough, most of the adversaries of German rearmament (with the exception, to be sure, of the Communists) are not attacking M. Mendes-France. Indeed, the nascent Left Wing Movement in France, ranging from "Bevanite"-type socialists to enlightened Catholics and Gaullists, most of whom abhor the thought of German rearmament, are unanimous in desiring that M. Mendes-France should be their leader, in spite of his having forced the Paris agreements through.

There is a belief, possibly mistaken, that the Prime Minister will yet pull something out of the hat to satisfy (as the French saying goes) the goat and the cabbage. Can the goat eat his fill, and the cabbage remain intact? Can Germany be kept disarmed, as much for its own sake as that of the rest of the world, and the Western Alliance remain firm?

After the floods— the watery ones — will come the restorative sunshine of spring and summer. Perhaps the threatening man-made deluges will subside, too. The Messianic promise and all that..

AT THE CINEMA

THE ROBE" (Mograbi, Tel Aviv), the first Cinemascope film made in Hollywood at a cost of four and a half million dollars, is much better than all the "ballyhoo" would have had us expect. This adaptation of Lloyd C. Douglas's best-seller is a serious attempt to depict the birth of Christianity.

A Roman Tribune (Richard Burton), banished to Palestine by Caligula, kills Jesus — only very briefly glimpsed in the picture — on the orders of Pilate. His Greek slave (Victor Mature) becomes a disciple of the saintly victim of Roman ruthlessness and escapes with the robe Jesus wore.

Most of the rest of the film is taken up with the Tribune's wanderings in Cana'an in search of the robe, which he wants to find and destroy in order to restore his peace of mind, and his gradual conversion to Christianity. The dramatic ending takes place in Rome.

The acting is generally on a high level and Cinemascope adds greatly to this Technicolor picture.

J. L.

Yesterday's Press

Hangings 'Political Murder'

ALL Hebrew newspapers commented on Tuesday on the hanging of Dr. Moshe Marzouk and Shmuel Azzar in Cairo, a cold-blooded political murder closely connected, according to "Davar" (Histadrut), with the present crisis in Cairo. This, however, does not lessen the enormousness of the crime, especially if we recall that two other Jews involved in the same affair were killed or committed suicide previously. The paper believes that the Cairo rulers may have hesitated, had they not been so confident of the readiness of the West to forgive them anything.

"Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) stresses that the guilt of the condemned has not been proven. In this as in many other recent cases, Egypt is not maintaining the armistice but acting like a full-fledged belligerent. Calling attention to the anti-Jewish trials which have taken place in Cairo and to others which are to come (70 Jews charged with "forgery," seven with being "Communists," etc.) the paper concludes that Egyptian Jewry is in danger and that steps should be taken to save it.

World Movement Asked

"Haboker" (General Zionist) calls for a world-wide movement to save Egyptian Jewry. "Zmanim" (Progressive) says that in view of his position as Prime Minister Mr. M. Sharett could not give full vent to the deep anger of the Jewish people and the country. "Kol Ha'am" denounces the hangings, reaching the conclusion that the Egyptian imperialists' agents and military adventurers are no better than the Jewish militarist and chauvinist adventurers who now wish to exploit this case for new military adventures and acts of retaliation.

"Ha'aretz" (non-party) notes that Gamal Abdul Nasser told his many visitors of late that there would be no death sentences in the trial. The executions were therefore a shock, especially to those who had believed in the dictator's professions of good and peaceful intentions. The nation will be grateful to all those who attempted to save the lives of the two, though their efforts failed.

Calm Criticized

"Herut" criticizes the "stoic calm" of the Prime Minister and complains that its party was not even permitted to state in the Knesset how it proposed to save the lives of the condemned. Elsewhere the paper reports that the Herut faction in the Knesset demands the reintroduction of capital punishment in certain cases of espionage and infiltration. It argues that the abolition of capital punishment has contributed to the Cairo tragedy.

The editorial writer of "Yediot Aharonot" also attacks the Government for having permitted the Cairo horror. He recalls that neither the American airmen in China nor Soviet agents in Western Europe have been executed, for fear of retaliation, and expresses the belief that in view of the weakness of the Egyptian rulers (who have been defied even by the Iraqis) some action could have been taken.

"Hatzofe" (World Mizrahi Union) says that the Cairo hangings should be a lesson to those who regard Gamal Abdul Nasser and his regime as a stabilizing factor in the Middle East. The paper thinks that a regime that copies Nazi methods is bound to fall as Hitlerism did.

Continuing 'The Secret Roads'

By Jon and David Kimche

The Mossad Machine in Action

The Spezia affair, almost more than any other incident, became a turning point in the story of illegal immigration. The struggle was now brought into much sharper relief; the British realised for the first time what they were up against, while the Mossad began to see more clearly how effective the weapon it was wielding could become.

Immigration was stepped up. In May, 1946, the Max Nordau sailed from Rumania with 1,666 immigrants on board, the biggest transport yet. In June, Arazi, resuming his activity in Italy, sent the Josiah Wedgewood from the Italian Riviera with 1,259 immigrants; another ship sailed in the same month from Greece. In July, new heights were reached with well over 4,000 immigrants reaching the shores of Palestine. Ships sailed from points as far apart as Sweden and Algiers, Portugal and Yugoslavia, Holland, Belgium, France, Italy, Bulgaria and Rumania.

The "Eliahu Golomb" bringing refugees from La Spezia.

AS the activities expanded, an efficient and smoothly running system of communications had to be put in operation to enable the Paris H.Q. to keep in constant contact with its far-flung offices and its numerous agents, who now embraced many hundreds of workers. Arazi's radio transmitters took in Holland, France, Italy, Greece and Palestine; in addition, however, the various emissaries kept in daily telephone contact with the aid of a simple and comprehensive code, and, with the aid of the 300 workers of the *Briha* (the organized "evacuation" of the Jews to Palestine) the soldiers of the Brigade and permanent Hagana couriers, for all of whom borders were of no consequence whatsoever, a complex network of communications was set up which encompassed the furthermost Jewish communities of Poland in the east to the Mossad emissaries in France, the Low Countries, and England, from where a large contingent of young English Jews were also sent to Palestine on Mossad ships.

Not for nothing did a "New York Times" dispatch from the American H.Q. in Germany in January, 1946, state that "the Jews moving from Poland to Germany seem to have a better system of communications even than the American Army." The efficiency of the communication system of the Mossad and the *Briha* became famed in the capitals of Europe.

Once the Director-General of one of the Czech Ministries summoned Elkanan Gafni, the chief Briha agent in Prague, to an immediate interview. Gafni was worried by the summary call; could it be that something had gone amiss? But once in the Ministry's offices he was soon put at ease. The Director-General had an aunt in Germany for whom he had already been searching for many weeks. He had asked the help of all the international organizations concerned — UNRRA, the Red Cross, as well as the American Army itself, but with no success. None of them had been able to find a trace of the aunt, who had disappeared from her home in Munich. Now, as a final resort, he turned to the Briha, whose exploits he had heard of but only half-believed. Gafni promised he would do all he could. Within three days, the aunt was in Prague.

The real heroes of this remarkable organization were the couriers themselves, youngsters of 17 or 18 years who had been schooled in the concentration camps or in the partisan hideouts in the forests of the Balkans, and who could pass every border in Europe, from Rome to Munich and on to Paris, or from Warsaw through the Military Zones of the four Occupying Powers down to Marseilles without a single legal document in their hands and without a coin in their pockets.

Own Moral Code

They had their own moral code, which, fashioned as it was in the concentration camps, might not stand scrutiny in the cold light of England or America. When Ephraim Deckel, head of the *Briha*, once received a complaint that one of his couriers was smuggling cigarettes across the border in addition to refugees, he replied: "If I took a Rabbi to be a courier, I could be certain that he would not smuggle cigarettes. But I would be equally certain that the Rabbi would not know how to smuggle people across the border either." The *Briha* youngsters were tough and often unscrupulous; but the same courier about whom the complaint was made would think nothing of going through the concentrated fire of border guards in order to get some refugees through. Neither would he or his colleagues flinch from carrying sick people or children on their backs for many miles through difficult Alpine passes or down slippery mountainous slopes in their often nightly illegal crossings of borders.

But it was not from plucky youngsters alone that the work gained its remarkable efficiency and internal strength. Had the organisation of the Mossad been based only on its own agents, it could never have succeeded in directing a stream of 300,000 Jews across Europe and in transporting well over 100,000 to Palestine in the face of such strenuous opposition.

There was another factor involved: the pioneering youth movements of the Zionist Organisation throughout the world. It was they who supplied many of the tough couriers and guides; their emissaries who selected the refugees for the illegal transports; through their offices and farms that the organisation developed its lines of communication. Every member of a pioneering youth movement, no matter to which particular Zionist party it adhered, knew that it was his duty to obey any instruction he might receive from the local Mossad or Briha agent without asking any questions.

The Chief of the Mossad, therefore, was not only chief of the Hagana emissaries in Europe; he was, in effect, commander of thousands of young Zionists, each one of whom would without hesitation fulfil any order whatsoever emanating from him. This was the secret behind the *Briha's* great success; this was what made it into the "most widely active underground movement ever to have been known," to use a phrase from a Reuters dispatch written in August, 1946.

There was one additional factor which completed the set-up of the Mossad and the *Briha*. These were the dozens of Palmach boys, soldiers of the crack commando force of the Jewish para-military underground in Palestine, who were sent to Europe to implement the decisions of the Mossad. While the refugees working for *Briha* dealt exclusively with the job of directing and transporting the thousands to the Mediterranean seaboard, the Palmach took over from there, carrying out the actual work involved in the sailings.

They manned the wireless stations, supervised the preparation of the ships; kept guard over ships and supplies; and took complete command of the ships the moment they left the shores of Europe. Although the Palmach in Europe took its orders from the Chief, it was also in constant connection with Palmach H.Q. in Palestine, and worked in constant unison with the "home" forces whose job it was to supervise the safe landing of the refugees and their subsequent dispersion.

Parallel to the Mossad and the *Briha* were the two other Hagana branches operating in Europe at that time, the one for the acquisition of arms and supplies for the Palestine underground, and the other organising military training for prospective Hagana members. Thus Arazi, who had spent many of his years in gun-running for the Hagana, made good use of his fictitious Army unit in Milan; the unit would drive up to one of the arms-dumps which in those days were dotted all over Italy, present fictitious papers, load up its vehicles and disappear. The following night, it would transport the arms to a lonely part of the coast, where a fast schooner, which Arazi kept specially for the purpose, would be waiting to take them on to Palestine. In France, too, arms and ammunition were acquired in devious ways. Much of it was purchased at very low prices from the Resistance Movements, and from the stocks of captured German weapons which were still being guarded by men of the Maquis.

The French authorities obligingly shut their eyes to these transactions, and often even gave active assistance. Once, when Ehud Avriel was leading a large arms convoy down to the French Riviera for trans-shipment to Palestine, he found the road near one of the towns blocked by large numbers of French police. It seemed as if the British representations had at last had effect and that they had finally been caught. But the French were not looking for Hagana; it transpired that a group of prisoners in the nearby town had broken out of gaol, and all traffic was being searched for them. When the Police Commandant heard of the identity of the arms smugglers, he apologised profusely and volubly, and waved them on, saying, "That's all right, we're also Communists."

This incident was typical of many others; the fact that the arms and the military training were all destined to cause trouble for the unpopular British, and that that trouble was to be on the coast of the Levant, where British intervention in what the French considered their internal affairs in Syria and the Lebanon still rankled deeply, was enough for the vast majority of the French, whether they were anti-imperialist Communists or die-hard Catholic Conservatives. They lent a willing hand to all of Hagana's activities in France, by allowing the ships to sail without obstruction, by helping in arms transactions, and by "lending" the Hagana military camps and enormous villas in the South of France, where refugee assembly points and Hagana training camps could be established without fear of outside obstruction.

(To be Continued)

Readers' Letters

RASSCO SHIKUN

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Your article about the Rassco Construction Company and its profits for the past year does not come as a surprise to the residents of the "Shikun Amami" in Katamon, completed by Rassco only several months ago. These profits were apparently made at the expense of the tenants, who are already suffering from wet walls, stuck doors and similar signs of sub-standard construction.

Yours, etc.
B. K.

Jerusalem, December 29.

Ministry Replies

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — The flats of the Shikun Amami, which were completed about half a year ago, were built by us with strict attention to the quality of the work and materials. We can also state that the standard of the construction was organized by the Ministry of Labour and interested parties, and especially by the purchasers of the flats and their representatives.

We shall be grateful if you will give us the opportunity of showing you our work, and we think this is the only way to prove whether the criticism levelled against us is justified.

Yours etc.,
Rural & Suburban Settlement Company "Rassco" Ltd.

Jerusalem, January 10.

MUSICAL DIARY

Concert of Italian Music, sponsored by the Jerusalem Committee of the Dante Alighieri Society. Bess Sander, soprano, Gershon Jarecki, piano (Israel Touring Club, January 31) D. Scarlatti: Four cembalo sonatas; Four pre-classical songs; Busoni: "Two sonatinas," Ravasenga: Two songs; Verdi: Two songs; Six Italian folk songs.

THE programme and its execution gave uncommon pleasure. The Scarlatti sonatas were read vivaciously and with great subtlety. The performance of the two Busoni sonatinas was in itself a novel and remarkable event in Israel, though they do not sound so revolutionary today as the composer's "Fantasia contrappuntistica" did in 1920. This *Sonatina ad usum infantis* was quite tame, and the *Sonatina in Diem Nativitatis Christi 1917*, which has a sequence that bears a striking resemblance to the neo-impressionist opening bars of Puccini's "Il Tabaro," does not go harmonically any further.

The vocalist was in top form with the 17th and 18th century songs on the programme, especially in Padre Giovanni Martini's "Plaisir d'amour," and full of poetic spirit in the contemporary, Carlo Ravasenga's delightful "Ninna, nanna." The folk songs were interpreted tenderly and with irresistible charm, excellently contrasted by the dramatic accents of the encore, an aria from Boito's "Mefistofele" (on such an occasion, however, Lauretta's aria from Puccini's "Gianni Schicchi"—a character from the "Divine Comedy" — ending *con licenza del gran padre Dante*, might have been more suitable). Mr. Jarecki was an ideal accompanist.

FRANGO

Helmut Frank, piano (Y.M.C.A. Hall, January 22) J.S. Bach: Toccata and Fugue in D major; Brahms: Sonata in F minor, Op. 5; Debussy: "Pour le Piano" Suite; Helmut Frank: "The Rhythm of Fire" — Dance, Habanera, Valse Brillante.

MR. FRANK'S qualities lie in the dramatic handling of his material. The plastic pulse beat is most convincing when applied to a climax preceded by a long and sustained breath, but it sounds dangerously like al fresco when more relaxed and detailed procedure would be needed. We were carried away by the youthful fire of the playing, which especially in the Bach and in the Sonata, was powerfully straightforward.

In "Pour le piano" we missed Debussy's colourism; the whole affair sounded a little bit "Pour l'Orchestre après Richard Wagner" and that is too bad. Mr. Frank's own compositions are eclectic trifles which, in our opinion, would do nicely as encores.

Y. BAHAI

Chamber Music Society: Pelleg, harpsichord; Toeplitz, flute; Thorner, Oboe; Hofmekler, Cello (Tel Aviv Museum, January 29) Telemann: Trio Sonata in D minor (flute, oboe, harpsichord); J. S. Bach: Sonata in D major (cello and harpsichord); Handel: Sonata in C minor (oboe and harpsichord); Leclair: Trio in D major (flute, cello and harpsichord).

IT is surprising how little one hears, these days, the music of Bach's contemporaries.

Telemann, who founded his "Collegium Musicum" in 1704, was a skilled contrapuntalist, though his forms and ideas were conventional. This could be readily seen in his Trio Sonata, though the harpsichord presented a rather weak front, and was outfaced by the domineering winds. In the Bach, Frank Pelleg's usually measured phrasing bore an air of incoherency, this having a sustained effect on 'cellist Hofmekler throughout the Sonata.

Handel's Sonata in C Minor stands in contrast to the bareness of most of his keyboard works, and much praise is due to Thorner for an inspired and enchanting rendition.

Although Leclair was educated in the Italian style, there is a distinct individuality in many of his movements. In the D Major Trio, gracefulness and vivacity seem more prominent than depth of feeling, and Toeplitz's playing was more than usually polished.

Alexander Kagan, piano (Beit Liessin, Tel Aviv, January 27) Bach: Chromatic Fantasy and Fugue; Beethoven, Appassionata; Chabrier: Idylle; Franck: Prelude, Fugue and Variation.

MR. Kagan's fervent love for Bach was apparent from the outset of his recital, and he revealed himself as a most competent and sincere artist. In his hands, the Appassionata Sonata became a live and vital invocation of Beethoven's defiant cry against his deafness, and the rest of the bill left us full of admiration for the artist's versatility and his distinctive individuality of style and technique. Unfortunately, the audience's reception was very cold — an admission of short-sightedness which we hope he will not bear with him on his return to Paris.

D. YADIN

Second Haifa Orchestra Youth Concert. Moshe Bad-Mor, conductor. Yarden Ron, French horn. Hanan Brunn, lecturer (Peer Hall, January 28) Haendel: Concerto Grosso in B minor, op. 6, No. 12; Mozart: Horn Concerto No. 3, K. 447; Vaughan-Williams: Concerto Grosso.

THIS second youth concert under Mr. Bad-Mor's baton confirmed the good impression he had made at his former appearance with the Haifa Orchestra which needs not a conductor with a forceful personality but a leader for its rehearsals and performances who understands the character of a string orchestra as Mr. Bad-Mor does. With aesthetic movements, without feverish haste, he binds the diversity of 27 soloists into one orchestral unity, commanding the purity and the cooperation that are urgently needed. Though the first violin did not always assist the conductor's intention, it was an enjoyable evening. Yarden Ron's alert performance of the Mozart Concerto adding a great deal to its success. The young monitors and ushers who kept order had no need to intervene, for the children followed the performance and the explanation with undivided attention, reacting at the end with spontaneous applause.

G. W.-B

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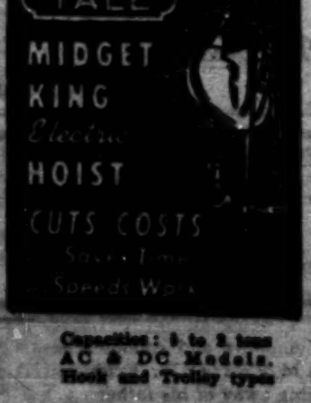

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